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Photo by Sue Tiffin

A volunteer hits Grade 12 student and Interact Club leader Hanna Reddering in the face with a pie as an example of what HHSS teachers will go through this week if the school body can raise enough donations for Education is Power. See story on page 39.

On their marks: candidates court the county

By Matthew Desrosiers
 Editor

The provincial election is ramping up and candidates are already hitting the campaign trail.

Here in Haliburton County, constituents of the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding will get the pick of four candidates, one from each of the major parties.

Incumbent PC candidate Laurie Scott said voters need to oust the Liberals and let her

party rein in Hydro One.

"The number one thing is the unaffordability of living, especially with hydro [costs]," she said. "Hydro certainly ties into the economy. Riding-wide, it was a very rough winter. People are frightened to open their hydro bills. A lot of people are going to still be paying off their hydro and heating bills for months."

She said if put into power, her party will stop the hydro bills from going any higher and stop what she called ridiculous subsidies for wind and solar projects.

"We need to bring accountability back to

Hydro One. It is outrageously incompetent... it's unaccountable. The bureaucracy has grown out of control. It has to be managed."

Scott said the Conservatives will rein in government spending and reduce taxes. Closer to home in Haliburton, she said the College of Trades will be dismantled along with mandatory pensions, which is breaking small businesses.

"I don't think businesses are going to hire another person now that they're going to put [in a] mandatory tax," she said. "People are seeing through that. I'm hearing from people

in Haliburton about that."

Voting for the Conservatives should be an easy choice, she said.

"We're the only ones offering a real jobs plan. Affordable energy, reining in taxes and government spending means more jobs. Eliminating regulations that are strangling small businesses, that means more jobs."

"It's pretty clear out there the Liberals have failed the Ontario economy. Compared to all provinces, we're crumbling in debt."

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Highlander news

OPP seeks help from Sugar Island residents

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The Haliburton Highlands OPP will be visiting seasonal and permanent residents on Gull Lake's Sugar Island this long weekend in an attempt to gather information that could help shed light on an unsolved crime.

"This weekend we're going to have a large majority of property owners present because it's the long weekend," said OPP Const. Paul Potter. "That way we can reach the maximum number of people."

Sometime before March 18, seven seasonal residences on the island were broken into and vandalized. One

cottage, which belonged to the Douglas family, was burned to the ground. Several items were stolen from the cottages that were broken into.

Police do not yet know if one or more suspects were involved in the incidents.

Blood samples were recovered from the scene and sent off to the Centre for Forensic Sciences. Those results have yet to be released, said Potter.

"We don't have any results back on the DNA as of yet," he said, explaining that these types of tests are put in a priority sequence. Homicides, sexual assaults and other severe

crimes would be at the top of the list.

"They'll obviously deal with the high-level cases first," he said.

Potter said that two officers will visit property owners by boat and most likely go from dock to dock.

Anyone with information about these crimes is asked to call the Haliburton Highlands OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).

Crime Stoppers offers cash rewards of up to \$2,000 for tips that result in a charge.

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Paul Potter
OPP

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Editorial opinion

Going green

Autocorrect is a funny thing.

It's so funny – or it leads to so many funny messages and emails – that websites have been created just to laugh at people who've had unfortunate autocorrect blunders go viral.

You expect to see these kinds of things in text messages, even some correspondence between friends, but not in a professional setting. And certainly never – ever – on a provincial candidate's website that speaks of the beautiful Haliburton countryside.

That's Haliburton – as in one of those big oil companies Green Party members are always slamming. Funny, then, that this autocorrect (it would have to be, wouldn't it?) blunder is on their very own candidate's website.

You know what's sad? They probably don't know it's wrong.

The Green Party's candidate, Mr. Arsalan Ahmad, says he lives in Peterborough and works in Toronto. Peterborough, by the way, is not in our riding and it makes you wonder if Mr. Ahmad is aware of that. He admits to not knowing the area very well and when asked how people around here might have heard of him, he says frankly, they wouldn't have. Things are likely to stay that way as Mr. Ahmad added he won't be able to spend much time in the county during his campaign.

And though he doesn't know enough to spell Haliburton properly, he's running in this riding because, he says, people should have the opportunity to vote Green.

Or, one hopes, not.

The Green Party's policies aren't all bad; some are in fact inspired. However the party will never be in a position to enact them, for many reasons including the geographic ineptitude Mr. Ahmad demonstrates so well. Instead, they will remain on the outside looking in, picking

up what few votes they can, while the three primary parties battle it out for supremacy.

What the Green Party actually achieves, by its very existence, is to ensure that none of its policies will ever see the light of day. The party originated in Europe, where proportional representation allows smaller parties to win seats. But here, with our first past the post system, all the Green Party does is take votes from the other centre-left parties, the Liberals and NDP. In doing so, they make victory for Conservatives and Progressive Conservatives all the more likely, parties with policies putting the environment well behind other concerns.

Our system has trouble producing clear outcomes with three parties, let alone four or five.

It's pure selfishness. Mr. Ahmad wants to run too. Good for him. Except that by splitting the vote he makes it harder for voters to be heard. He makes it ever more difficult to elect leaders who would actually enact policies like his. The GPO doesn't do itself any favours either by nominating candidates who know nothing of their ridings just so voters 'get the choice'.

The GPO would be better off if they split up, spread throughout whatever parties individual members most closely associate with, and work from within to see environmentally friendly and fiscally responsible policies put into place.

At least then they might have a positive impact, instead of no impact at all.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Behind the curtain

A sunny spring morning and John is honking hello at the crosswalk. Linda waves as she steps out of the bank, walks up and asks if you've heard about the tourism meeting; that they said no to the pond hockey donation. The meeting finished only an hour ago and yes, you'd already heard that. Steve edges past, catching your conversation and remarking those people don't know what they're doing but before you can ask him if he means council or the hockey promoters he's ducked into a shop.

A series of positive interactions. That's one way to describe living in the Highlands. With our villages and landscapes, full of friendly people reliably being where they're supposed to be, some days it can feel like a modern-day Mayberry.

Certainly for the growing number of people moving to the county, Mayberry – small town life and the values it stands for – is part of the draw.

With apologies to Peggy Lee however, that is not all there is.

Another morning, another parking lot. It's Wednesday, and county council chambers are being used for criminal court. The entrance is a portal into a completely different world. And it's packed.

All ages, all types and sizes, a lot of bad hair days. At 9:30 a.m. some already reek of alcohol; others duck out when the liquor store opens at 10. All line up to meet with duty counsel to have their charges explained. She can't possibly offer legal representation to so many, and she doesn't; those without lawyers are on their own. Outside, someone is selling contraband cigarettes for \$10 a carton. That calliope music is just your mind playing tricks.

Inside, a judge with kind eyes and a warm smile sits above three stone-faced clerks. You get the sense she's the nicest person many of these people have met in a long time. She seems a bit of a softy but you soon realize it's because she's not really there to judge. Judgement is not what these people – or the law-abiding citizens they've wronged – need. Today, this judge is a social worker.

Every single person appearing that day – without exception – is there because of one of three things: drugs, alcohol or mental health problems. Because the first two are usually related to the latter, there's actually only one root cause, so obvious you could pick it out of a line up.

The criminals you see on TV or in comics, the ones with names like Lefty and Johnny Two-Thumbs who hide out in their lairs planning crimes – they don't exist, not in any number anyway. And yet it seems our entire justice system is built for them, fictional cartoons.

Real criminals, our criminals at the local courthouse, are sad-sack alcoholics caught driving drunk. They're post-injury labourers who got addicted to their prescription painkillers and now steal for more; they're moms who have meltdowns at the local coffee shop, and lonely kids who pull pranks for attention.

Yet instead of seeing a counsellor, the Wednesday morning offenders stand glumly before a judge. Knowing as she must that jail is the least likely route to reform, probably the fastest way to actually trigger a mental illness if someone doesn't have one already, she resorts to her very limited toolbox in an attempt to Jerry-rig a productive citizen from the frazzled or terrified or defiant person before her. The judge, duty counsel and crown attorney negotiate with an accused who is in no position to negotiate or, if we're being frank, deal with much of anything. Promises to shape up, get treatment, try harder are extracted and maybe even meant.

But anyone familiar with addiction knows those promises will not be kept, no matter how sincere. That's what addiction is. This person will be back, now having violated parole. The negotiations will start anew. The players, knowing the futility of prison for all its purported purposes – except perhaps its reliability for extracting the pure, angry retribution which seems to so please our federal ministers – will give the revolving door another turn.

And how many players there are! The judge and clerks, two or three government lawyers, police, social workers, psychologists, non-profits, treatment centres and jails; thousands of sun-shiny listed careers heavily invested in this dysfunction continuing. Forever.

It's a terrible failure, utterly shameful. Seeing it, you want to scream. Something needs to be done!

But what? A liberal-minded something involving attempts to remedy a lifetime of bad parenting, poor nutrition, abusive environments and just plain bad luck? Or a conservative-minded something involving punishment for a lifetime of bad behaviour, poor choices, abusive relationships and just plain bad luck?

Answers vary according to political points of view, but one fact is certain: a good drug treatment program costs less than \$20,000; a year in jail costs more than \$100,000. We have no psychiatrists in Haliburton County but plenty of police officers. It's clear what's happening: our mental health system is working out of a courthouse. Or rather, not working.

All the while, the good citizen volunteers of Mayberry try and give and work to address some of the problems our governments seem keen to make worse. Then, for every wayward soul who gets help cleaning up, others are tossed into the meat grinder of our justice system, only to emerge from the other end with even greater problems to challenge our community. How many in our small community are stuck in this merry-go-round?

Crank up that calliope, here we go again.



By Bram Lebo

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Letters to the editor

Septic change leaves many questions

Dear editor,

The discontinuance of the On-Site Sewage Disposal System Program by the HKPR last October has and will cause hardship for anyone attempting to build and for contractors being hampered from weather conditions as we have experienced.

Although not abreast as to why the program was discontinued, the question remains as to why wasn't a system put in place long before now and why weren't all interested parties made privy to the new system being adopted? Once one has paid their \$875 for their septic permit and could face an additional fee, I can only see mass revolts. Irate people will cause havoc at their local municipality demanding some form of compensation and in many ways I don't blame them. Is this just another ploy to download more responsibility to municipalities? Will this mean job losses at the Haliburton office and reorganization through attrition? Less work activities, less staff needed. Will it mean more delays in the completion of new homes due to increased work load for chief building officials? Will it mean municipalities having to hire additional trained staff to assist with the work load? Will it mean more tax dollars for us to pay and the list goes on.

On top of this is the new policing structure which will incur even higher taxes. I am

adamant as to why should we pay for policing costs in say, Orillia, due to their crime rate and more policing activities in relation to that of Haliburton County? Of course Orillia is very happy with this new policing structure as it will mean a reduction in their costs. The new system is unwieldy, irrational and burdensome for such places as Haliburton County.

Needless to say the, Hon. Yasir Naqvi, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, needs to do some soul searching. He requires a wake-up call and realize many rural communities cannot afford such massive increases in taxes seeing the majority of employment is seasonal, minimum wage and tourist oriented.

There has also been a reduction in transfer payments to municipalities from provincial and federal governments and yet rural municipalities are expected to pay for services beyond its capabilities. Here's hoping the election will render a new and rational provincial government with a vision towards the needs of rural Ontario within its tax resources!

I also found the letter to the editor submitted by Karl Braeker of Minden down to earth and straight forward. Good for him!

Beverly MacDuff
Gooderham

Slow down and save deer

Dear editor,

A big thank you to Joe Carriere for writing 'Deer feeding helps animals survive harsh winter' (see The Highlander issue 131, page 5).

I am a local here in Minden and drive our roads daily. If we all slowed down and paid a little more attention to our surroundings, there would be a lot less deaths on the road. I know

driving up South Lake Road every morning before 7 a.m., chances are I will see a deer close to the road.

Let me just add, it's not just our deer, it's our turkeys, turtles, and all wildlife.

Way to go, Joe. Thank you.

Jillian Pendleton
Minden

Twitter, tweeting and birdsong, too

As I sit at my desk pondering as to what I shall ramble on about this week in my column, I listen to the noises that float through my open window. The breeze whispers through the budding tag alder, the river gurgles every now and again as eddies spin and collide, a bee buzzes busily past and the birds chirp and twitter.

Ah the birds, such sweet melodies and yet so often overlooked. But not by me. As a boy born in a small village in middle England I was always aware of the birdsong that surrounded me, from the morning chorus that awoke me on sunny days to the last peep of the blackbirds before I went to bed at night. And so, when I moved to London, to the heart of the biggest city in Blighty, to the most densely populated slab of real estate in the country, I soon realized there was something missing.

Now, as any young fellow thrust into the bright lights of a fast and exciting city does, I immersed myself in urban life and I have to admit that the lack of birdsong was not something that bothered me overly. Other sweet sounds caught my attention. Other

melodious offerings like the bell at last orders in the pub, the thump thump of the nightclub, the drunken rendition of a favourite song as friends and I staggered home in the early hours of the morning (on just the odd occasion, of course).

However, as I matured and grew weary of my life in London I began once again to listen for the birds, and they weren't there. There was no high-pitched tune, no twitter or tweet to be heard, and you know why? Because it was the 1990s.

The 1990s? I hear you ask. Yes, in the 1990s there was no birdsong in London. There never had been, but there was also no twittering or tweeting there, or anywhere else for that matter. That plague that is the Twitter-verse had not yet afflicted the human species.

Yes, this most banal of communicative tool, Twitter, has finally irked me enough that I have to write about it. My reasons, because recently I spent an evening at a friend's house where the ladies in the gathering were shown how to make sushi (stick with me, I'll get there eventually, in far more than 140 characters). Once the sushi was made and laid

Photo of the week



Photo by Walt Griffin

A large female snapping turtle located between Eagle Lake and West Guilford. Note the broken front left leg.

Hydro One deserves disdain too

Dear editor,

We have been asked to flood the powers that be with our disdain over the OPP billing reform. Why not do the same to Hydro One for their method of billing?

I have called Hydro One to try to get them to explain why the bottom half of my bill is higher than the actual amount of electricity I use. After listening to percentage numbers, basic service fee, smart meter fee, distribution costs, transmission network fees, .00719 times x ?? formulas, it was too much for my tired old brain and I gave up!

The delivery charge, regulatory charge, debt retirement charge, and HST are all based on your kWh usage. Why? That means I am paying for my usage five times! I am on electric heat so my smart meter time of use does not work for me as my heat is on during on-peak rates, and lower or off during off-peak rates. Why is the debt retirement cost not a fixed amount for everyone? I am to pay \$44.41 this month to retire their debt that I did not cause! Why am I paying more as it

fluctuates with my kWh usage? I phoned the Ministry of Finance for Ontario to ask when the debt retirement was to be removed from the bill. The answer was it "intends to be taken off anytime after Dec. 31, 2015 to 2020, probably 2018." They are going to remove the Ontario Clean Energy Benefit which is the small credit we receive on our bill, in 2015 I believe.

In the early 70s, Ontario Hydro convinced home owners that electric heat was the cheapest method for heating your home. And it was then. My parents, whose home we bought, converted totally to electric heat. Changing to other fuel sources is no longer an option. I contacted other fuel sources and they charge to fill up your tank, plus tax. They do not have charges like those on the bottom half of our hydro bills based on kWh usage. Why is Hydro One allowed to bill us again and again based on our usage? Am I the only one upset out there?

Lois Rigney
Minden Hills

The Outsider



By Will Jones

out on a platter, two of the group immediately took pictures of it with their cell phones and then 'tweeted' to their followers about their 'triumphant culinary adventure involving ingredients of the piscatorial genre' (I used nine long words and 76 characters there; that's over half the amount allowed in an entire tweet). They obviously weren't so verbose, probably tweeting: "We made sushi, Yeah! #rawfish/ricedreams". Jeez, it drove me crazy. The sushi was delicious, though, and so the evening wasn't an entire disaster.

Then, just a day or so ago, I was contacted by a contributor to my latest book, a 40,000 word, 300 page hardback volume of which I'm extremely proud. "Hey Will, do you have a Twitter account?" he emailed. "I'm gonna tweet about your book and wanted to link my tweet to your Twitter account."

A nice gesture you might think. Wrong. How can anyone adequately describe something that took me 18 months to research and write in 140 characters? How can anyone properly write about anything at all in that amount of space? It's writing gone mad, language crippled, the beauty of the

written word defunct, dead, crucified.

I hate Twitter and tweeting. I am a writer, and so how can anybody possibly ask me to reduce my artform (that's my description and I'm sticking to it) to a base level of such limited descriptive power? I haven't answered my contributor's email as yet for fear of raging at him as I am doing here. You, my friends, I know can take it. Him, I'm not so sure.

And so it is that I delight in sitting and listening to the twitters and tweets from my feathered friends outside of my window. I listen to their chirps and tunes knowing that they are singing their hearts out with no fear that someone will impose a chirp count on their songs or limit their verses to a length that will seriously stunt the twittering capacity of future generations of songbird.

Tweets and twitter are for the birds, people. Let's enjoy what they can do and forget about making twirps out of ourselves!

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: Are you ready for cottage season?



Amanda Dykstra

Minden

Yes, of course I am! I can't wait. It will be nice to see them and catch up on all the latest and find out how their pets are doing.

Bing Hogg

Haliburton

Oh yeah, I look forward to seeing the cottagers again. We are very well prepared for them at the store. We are excited to have them here in Haliburton County and we love to support them as they support us.



Debbie Casey

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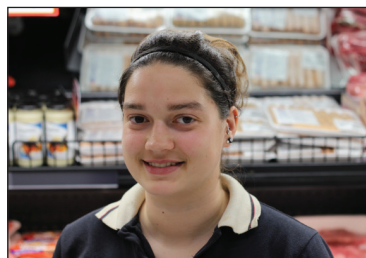
I am ready for my cottage. My grandkids have been waiting impatiently since we closed it up. Nice to be busy at work and see all our summer friends. It was a really long winter.



Laura Pottier

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Yes I am ready. I do wish it was warmer. I am expecting that it will get very busy at the deli and I like to be busy.



Pam Lavender

Minden

Yes of course we are. Excited about the busy summer season, it has been a long winter. Always excited to see the familiar faces, and looking forward to being busy.



Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin

Candidates to debate jobs, economy and spending

Continued from page 1

But Liberal candidate Rick Johnson doesn't agree with Scott's assessment.

"There's obviously two completely different plans being proposed – one by ourselves and one by the Conservatives. We don't know what the NDP's plan is yet. On one side you've got the Liberal government that's committed to maintaining our core social services, health care, making sure people are working and investing in infrastructure, which creates jobs."

"On the other side, you've got Mr. Hudak and Laurie Scott saying that if they get elected, they're going to fire 100,000 workers."

Johnson said that's the equivalent of putting 1,000 people out of work in the riding.

"We know that investing in infrastructure and our hospitals, our schools, personal support workers, teachers... we know that is solid job creation and jobs that are valued in rural Ontario."

Although he said not every problem will be solved and not all projects will come to fruition, Johnson did say he would advocate for health care in the region and job creation.

"There's a lot of work to be done," he said. "Making sure that the roads and bridges are in place, our infrastructure funds moving forward are going to be crucial... We've

also put an extra \$100 million into rural communities [for them] to access."

Johnson said he decided to run in the riding because Kathleen Wynne – whom he has been friends with for 12 years – asked him to, and because he has seen the PC's white papers and "knows that they're planning."

Don Abel is the NDP candidate for the riding, and he said he isn't fooled by the Liberals' promises.

"In the previous budget, the Liberals agreed they would shorten waiting periods for long-term care," he said. "That was one of their promises, and that's why the NDP supported the budget. They reneged on that. [Long-term care] has to be taken care of."

Abel said jobs and the economy are definitely important, but health care shouldn't be forgotten in this election.

"The Local Health Integration Networks (LHIN) have to be fine-tuned," he said. "There's lots of bureaucratic waste in the LHINs, and wait times."

As far as he's concerned, the NDP is really the only option for Haliburton's voters.

"The NDP is by far the most viable option. We've seen what the Liberals have done over the last 10 years. They can't be trusted. They've mismanaged the system drastically."

The Conservatives aren't much better, he said.

"Tim Hudak wants to take us right back

to the Mike Harris days. We recall what happened then with his slash and cut tactics."

Cutting 100,000 jobs is no way to fix the economy, he said.

"Quite frankly, I think Tim Hudak scares a lot of people with his policies. The numbers don't match up. He says he'll do away with 100,000 jobs. That's 100,000 people put on the welfare roll."

As the area's MPP, Abel said he would be committed to bring the area's concerns directly to Queen's Park.

"The way I see the MPP's position, it's the voice of the riding," he said. "I'm their voice at Queen's Park. I did that before when I represented Wentworth North [in 1990]. I would get their message out at Queen's Park."

Unlike the other three candidates who are familiar to this area, the Green Party's candidate, Arsalan Ahmad, is new to Haliburton's political landscape.

He was tapped by the party on May 12 and said he is filing his papers this week, but has yet to be officially listed on the ballot by Elections Ontario.

Ahmad said there were no candidates running in this area for the Green Party.

"I wanted people to have an opportunity to vote Green," he said.

The Green Party's position is to support local businesses and not big corporations, he said. They also believe focusing on conservation

2011 General Election Results

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock

Candidate	Votes
Laurie Scott <i>PC</i>	22,352 (45.43%)
Rick Johnson <i>Liberal</i>	16,522 (33.58%)
Don Abel <i>NDP</i>	8,517 (17.31%)
Anita Payne <i>Green Party</i>	1,562 (3.17%)
Charles Olito <i>Freedom Party</i>	245 (0.50%)

and giving grants for making homes more energy efficient, instead of focusing just on energy costs, is the way to go.

Although he lives in Peterborough, Ahmad said he will be doing some campaigning in Haliburton County.

Election day is June 12. Voting stations will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information on the election and how to vote, visit wemakevotingeasy.ca.

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Highlander news



The badly damaged Chevrolet Trailblazer rests in the ditch off County Road 21 by Nimigon Lane.

Minden man crashes car avoiding dog

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

A 61-year-old Minden man was sent to hospital with minor injuries after swerving to avoid hitting a dog on County Road 21 on May 12.

The single vehicle collision occurred just after 7 p.m. at Nimigon Lane in Haliburton, in front of Lakeview Motel.

According to OPP Const. Paul Potter, the driver of the 2013 Chevrolet Trailblazer was travelling towards Haliburton when he rolled his vehicle into the ditch and had to be extricated by firefighters. He was then transported to the Haliburton hospital by EMS.

"The roads were wet at the time," said Potter, adding that no charges would be laid.

The road was closed for a short period of time for fire crews and the removal of the vehicle.

Photo by Mark Arike

HE goes it alone on septics

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The Highlands East building department will take over septic inspections as of July 1.

At a May 13 council meeting, councillors learned that a partnership with the Peterborough Health Unit to complete septic inspections will not be possible, after the health unit's board voted down the motion earlier in the year.

The municipality did not receive formal notice of this decision and had been operating under the assumption the health unit would take over the septic inspections on their behalf.

Currently, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge Health Unit (HKPR) handles septic inspections across the county, however they will transition responsibility to the individual municipalities after June 30m.

Council has directed staff to recruit someone with the necessary qualifications to complete septic inspections. They will work in the

building department, and will use any spare time they have to assist current chief building (CBO) officer Randy Dunsmore with his duties.

A partnership with other municipalities is not possible, said CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig. Dysart et al's CBO will handle their septic inspections, and won't have the time to assist with Highlands East as well.

"We have some people here that supposedly have the proper course," said Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton.

The new inspector would first need to be recruited internally before the position would be opened to the public.

On May 16, Burton will host a meeting at county council with the current septic inspectors from the HKPR Health Unit to clarify some issues, such as fee transfers and timelines.

"[We will] get the air cleared on how the transition is going to happen," he said. "Concerns about finances and permits, [we] just want to get that rectified."

Fire chief resigns after four months on the job

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is looking for a new fire chief following Keith Thomas's sudden resignation.

"We're disappointed that it didn't work out for Keith," said Reeve Carol Moffatt in a phone interview. "His reasons are purely personal, so I have no comment on that."

Thomas will remain fire chief for the township until a replacement has been hired. He will then stay on as the district chief for Station 80 in Stanhope.

Thomas assumed the role of fire chief on Jan. 1 after John Hogg retired from the position. He became a volunteer firefighter with the department 27 years ago.

Council accepted Thomas's resignation at a May 1 council meeting.

"It's been a good experience," said Thomas, who didn't wish to elaborate on his decision.

The employment opportunity was posted to the township's website along with a job posting for an airport manager on May 6.

Jim Livingstone has filled in as the interim airport manager since the township last tried to find a full-time manager.

"It was just simply the end of his contract," said Moffatt.

The deadline for the fire chief's position is May 26 while the deadline for the airport manager's job is June 6.



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Meetings and Events

May 17

8:00 am to 11:30 am, Household Hazardous Waste Day, Scotch Line Landfill Site

May 19

The Administration Building will be CLOSED for the Victoria Day holiday

May 29

9:00 am, Regular meeting of Council
Minden Council Chambers
(public session 10:00 am)

7:00 pm, Irondale Advisory Committee meeting
Irondale Community Centre

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Coaches Meeting

This is a reminder that there will be a Coaches Meeting on Wednesday May 21st at 7 pm in Room 3 of the Community Centre.
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For more information, please contact Elisha at 286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

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Hydrant Flushing is scheduled to be performed throughout the Minden Water Distribution System from May 12 to May 23.

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For more information, please contact the Environmental & Property Operations Manager at 705-286-1260 ext. 216 or iingram@mindenhills.ca

Public Notice

As of May 30, 2014, the Administrative Office for the Community Services Department (currently located at Scout Hall in the Minden Community Centre) and the office of the Director of Community Services, will be relocated to the first floor of the Municipal Offices for the Township of Minden Hills.

All activities currently conducted at the Scout Hall location will now be conducted through the Municipal Office location.

After May 29, 2014, the Administrative Assistant for the Community Services Department can be reached at (705) 286-1260 x205.

The Director of Community Services can be reached at 705-286-1260 ext 213

Did You Know – 2014 E-lection

The Township will not be mailing ballots this year? If you wish to vote using a paper ballot, you must come to the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on the Advance Date of October 11, 2014 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

or

Election Day - October 27, 2014
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Look for your Voter Information Letter in late September or early October and bring this with you to the voting location.

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Highlander news



Photo by Mark Arike

The HHSS football field after a car was spotted doing donuts on May 14.

OPP Briefs

Donuts bring mischief charges

Three Minden residents have been charged after the trio allegedly tore up the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School football field, along with two other fields in Minden, with their car.

On May 14 at 2:15 a.m., OPP officers responded to the high school after receiving reports of a car performing donuts on the field. Significant damage was done to the field, but the car was no longer at the scene. Police then responded to a similar event at the baseball diamonds in Minden shortly after, but it wasn't until 5 a.m. when they located a 2003 Chevrolet Malibu at a park on Pacific Road in Minden.

The three occupants of the vehicle were arrested and charged. Sasha White, 20, was charged with impaired operation, operating a motor vehicle with over 80 milligrams of alcohol, and mischief over \$5,000. Rachel Pollard, 20, and Sydney Carriere, 19, were both charged with mischief over \$5,000.

The accused will appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on July 2.

Copper wire theft from Bell

Police are investigating the theft of \$10,000 worth of copper wire from a Bell Canada property on Cedar Avenue in Dysart et al.

The OPP have determined that sometime before noon on May 19, unknown suspect(s) gained access to the yard through the fence and stole wire from four cable spools. Police are asking for the public's help. Anyone with information is asked to contact the OPP, or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Norland driver charged

Thanks to a tip from a concerned citizen, OPP officers stopped an erratic driver on Highway 118 in Minden Hills.

The driver, William Nicholson, 74 from Norland, was driving a 2007 Toyota pickup truck. Police arrested Nicholson for impaired care or control of a motor vehicle. He was taken to the OPP detachment for a breath test and has since been charged with impaired care or control and care or control with over 80 milligrams of alcohol.

Nicholson will appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on June 4.

Lake stewards fighting to protect Highlands waterways

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

While swimming in South Lake as a kid, the greatest challenge for Terry Moore was the leeches. That's why in photos of him as a youngster in the water, one can see bottles of salt on the shoreline.

But the challenges surrounding Haliburton County's lakes have magnified since then and require more than a sprinkle of salt. Moore, the research director for the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations (CHA), is ready to take those challenges on and is sharing with other lake stewards in the area the issues that area waterways are facing.

More than 90 people were at the 2014 Lake Stewards' Meeting on May 10 at Fleming College to share information and discuss new CHA initiatives on citizen science-based county-wide water quality testing and shoreline classification and restoration.

Moore admits that when it comes to science, he's a bit of a geek.

He has a passion for science that he hopes other lake stewards have as well, for the sake of Haliburton County's waterways.

"I like to hear about the new cutting edge science, and it's exciting to watch members get that information," he said.

Information at the meeting included the release of two new videos in the Lake Protector series that discussed healthy shorelines. Moore said shoreline development that unnecessarily destroyed vegetation was one of the stresses that could impact the water quality of lakes, and that the consistent number one priority of lakefront property owners was the maintenance of high-level water quality. The other stress puts emphasis on the need for healthy, well-maintained septic systems.

A range of things including algal blooms and nutrient loading can affect water quality, as can public activity on waterways.

"People want to make sure the lake is a healthy functioning ecosystem,"

said Moore from his home on Hall's Lake. "Sometimes though, they don't understand the relationship between wakes and animal disturbance or wakes and shoreline erosion. Once we explain those connections, they're usually willing to pay attention."

The meeting was an opportunity for lake stewards, protectors of the area's waterways, to learn practical ways to move forward in protecting shorelines and water quality.

"We provide all the necessary tools to teach people how to audit their own shoreline, so what you can do to naturalize it, soften it, and give it life," he said.

Besides strategies for self-assessment, stewards at the meeting were able to learn about native plants that would help their shoreline – information that is also available on the CHA web site cohpoa.org.

Dissemination of information is another challenge that lake associations face in the mission to protect Haliburton County's waterways.

"There's a difficulty of recruiting people into active membership," he said, noting that for at least one local lake there are more than 650 property owners, but only 250 members involved in the lake association. Besides recruiting people who might care about the lakes, there's a need to figure out how to best communicate to a population that is sometimes made up of seasonal residents who aren't available year-round.

"It's not easy, and it takes work. Some lake associations struggle with that."

Moore and the CHA hope that even those who didn't attend the meeting will hear about the key messages brought forth by the association, and by presenters like Dr. Norman Yan of the Dorset Environmental Science Centre and Dr. Andrew Paterson, the Ontario Ministry of Environment's lead algae scientist.

"Everybody ought to recognize that water quality of our lakes is the number one issue," he said. "It affects our recreational experience, the economy of the area, and the resources that property owners have put into their land and the lake."




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Johnson says Liberals will phase in OPP cost hike

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Rick Johnson – the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Liberal provincial party candidate – has said his party will push for a phased-in approach to the new OPP billing model if they retain power after the election.

“I’m very aware what the situation is for full-time residents in Haliburton County,” he said. “It’s not a rich area in the province. There has to be recognition of that. When the new model does come out, it will be phased in over a period of time that will be worked out.”

The phase-in period would have to be negotiated with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

“The [municipalities] that are winning in this, if their costs are going down, they of course will want it implemented as fast as possible,” Johnson said. “I would be pushing for an extended period of time, three to five years I would assume.”

The proposed OPP billing model is a 60/40 per cent split between per-household costs and calls for service. That ratio has come down since the initial billing announcement, which called for a 73/27 per cent split.

Johnson said he supports the proposed model and that changing the ratio 13 per cent towards calls for service was a good step and

allows social programs, like neighbourhood watch and Crime Stoppers, to lower crime rates and further decrease policing costs to municipalities.

He also announced that commercial businesses will be included in the ratio, which should lower the \$369 per household rate currently listed in the proposed model.

Despite those promises, Johnson couldn’t say exactly what the impact would be.

“Until they finally get the finalized model out, that will determine [the impact] because I honestly don’t know what is the commercial side of it in Haliburton County,” he said. “By spreading that out and adding the commercial side, how will that affect the rate? If you add more people into the pie, each one has a smaller piece to contribute.”

Once the model is finalized, Johnson committed to having it audited by a third party to ensure the process was fair and equitable.

The 60/40 OPP billing model is one of two that was supported by the AMO’s OPP billing steering committee through a report released in April. Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid, the county’s representative on that committee, said she refused to support the committee or the report.

“I cannot support the AMO steering committee report because the two models recommended to the government are flawed,”

she said after the report was released. “In fact, I think the entire process was flawed because the committee was never presented with any facts to support the going-in hypothesis that some municipalities are paying too much and others are paying too little.”

After Johnson’s announcement, Reid said Haliburton County is still in a tough spot.

“Nothing was a change,” she said. “[The] 60/40 only picks up \$900,000 for us, so we’re still looking at \$7.4 million. It helps, but the really big issue is still billing by households.”

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt wasn’t impressed, either.

“It wasn’t new or news,” she said. “[The] 60/40 has long been on the table, as has phased in mitigation. It was suggested as if he was providing some tremendous succession from the Liberal government but there was nothing news or newsworthy. When we all read it, we wondered if we were missing something.”

– With files from Sue Tiffin

Highlands East recruiting firefighters

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Highlands East Ward 1 councillor Steven Kauffeldt is worried the municipality’s fire department is undermanned.

“We have 48 firefighters that cover such a large space,” he said in a council meeting on May 13.

His concerns come after hearing the department has removed another six firefighters across three stations this month, while adding one to the station in Cardiff.

Bill Wingrove, the municipality’s fire chief, said their bylaw allows for a maximum of 75 firefighters.

“That’s why I’m keeping you up to date,” he said. “All of my council reports are basically [about] manpower.”

He said at one point there were 65 firefighters on the department.

With the 48 volunteers on the department, Wingrove told council that if there was a fire during the meeting (at 10 a.m.), he could only guarantee eight responders due to volunteers working out of the municipality.

Currently the department is actively recruiting for its Gooderham fire hall, where daytime responders are in demand. Wingrove will print recruitment posters to be placed throughout the community and elsewhere in the municipality. Despite council’s concerns, he said the situation isn’t critical.

“I don’t think we’re at critical mass, yet,” he said. “If things keep going [this way], they might be.”

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By Sue Tiffin

County unveils new clothing line

The #MyHaliburtonHighlands Roots collection has arrived in the county and will be available to the public at the end of the month. County tourism director Amanda Ranson unveiled the clothing line at a tourism committee meeting on May 14, with councillors getting the first look at the collection that features the county's new logo. The line includes a baseball cap and backpack, t-shirts, a sweatshirt, and two varieties of a hoody, with prices ranging from \$19-\$89. Residents have been anticipating the new clothing line, but some expressed concern about the costs of the clothing, which they suggested was high. "If we were going to get cheaper clothing, it might not be made in Canada," said Ranson. The clothing will be available at the Tourist Info Centre in Minden at the end of May.

Pictured above, Amanda Ranson shows off the new Roots clothing line for Haliburton County.

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By Sharon Lynch

The Angry Wind

Something was happening, something that could not be explained. Not by scientists or governments. Military experts and politicians were equally unhelpful though they tried very hard to place the blame on their foes, who were numerous and quite indignant. But the fact was the foes were also experiencing what was happening and they blamed those who blamed them. So it was all very confusing.

Except for Sarah. Sarah was six years old, and she had figured out what was happening. But, not surprisingly, no one listened because what did a six year old child know?

It had started one morning when Sarah awoke to a sound rattling her bedroom window. It was as though something was trying to get into her room, which she knew couldn't be true unless it was a super-hero because her bedroom was on the second floor. Sarah didn't believe in super-heroes but she did believe in Santa, the Easter Bunny and Tooth Fairy. She might have been a sceptic but she was no fool.

When Sarah looked out from her second floor window she saw an astonishing scene. The garden furniture that usually sat on the backyard deck

were rolling end-over-end down the middle of the road. Other objects were flying through the air as well, swirling around the chairs and umbrella table like dancers in some wild production number. Bird feeders tumbled, potted flowers bumped and tree branches skipped and slithered their way before her startled eyes. She saw small dead birds lying like bits of rags on the road and caught in branches.

Running downstairs, she found her parents watching the television screen in their living room while the loud sound that had awoken her keened outside the house. Hearing her footsteps they turned in unison, their faces pale, their eyes large. "What's happening outside?" Sarah asked, still groggy from sleep. It would be later when she figured out what was going on in the world.

The adults said the weather was acting very strangely and the climatologists were going to explain everything any minute. Pouring cereal and milk into a bowl for Sarah, her mother instructed her to eat at the kitchen table while she returned to watching the television. As she ate, Sarah took in the scene before her through the glass patio doors.

The deck looked bare without its furniture but the backyard was anything but empty. A neighbour's flag pole had been pushed into the lawn at an angle and some yellow nylon rope was tangled around the flag, wound round and round. Branches and twigs littered the ground mixed with clumps of last fall's leaves, heavy and wet. She could see the family dog Marty, tied up and howling by his trembling dog house.

"Mom can I let Marty inside? I think he's scared," she called to the living room.

"Don't go outside Sarah. I'll get Marty in a minute," came the response, but that didn't satisfy the child. She knew how forgetful grownups could be and Marty was really her dog, her responsibility. So she pulled open the patio door to fetch Marty. It was very hard to open but as soon as there was enough space to slip through, she did and ran for Marty. He saw her come through the door and started howling even louder. But Sarah was having a hard time running or even walking. It was like the wind wanted to pick her up. She got down on her hands and knees and that made it better. When she reached Marty, she unclasped his rope

and let him pull her back to the house. He was as good a crawler as she had been.

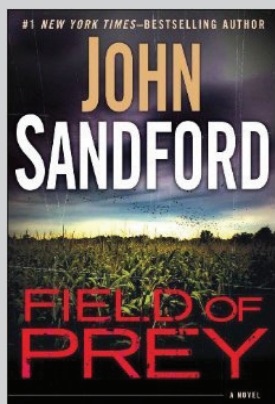
Her parents hadn't noticed her absence and when she announced Marty's rescue, all her mom said was, "That's nice dear," without looking up from the television.

The wind continued all day and all night. It wreaked havoc everywhere, toppling billboards, damaging bridges and forcing small cars off the highways. And it was the same all over the world though much worse in the poorer countries. There whole houses were blown away and boats capsized. No one seemed to know what had caused this freak of nature or when it would end.

But Sarah knew. She knew the wind was angry. It was just like when she threw her legos or Barbies around because no one was listening to her no matter how hard she tried. Feeling she wasn't as important as other things made her angry and frustrated. But throwing things always got people's attention.

Haliburton County's Hot Reads

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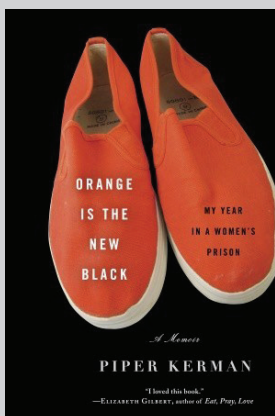
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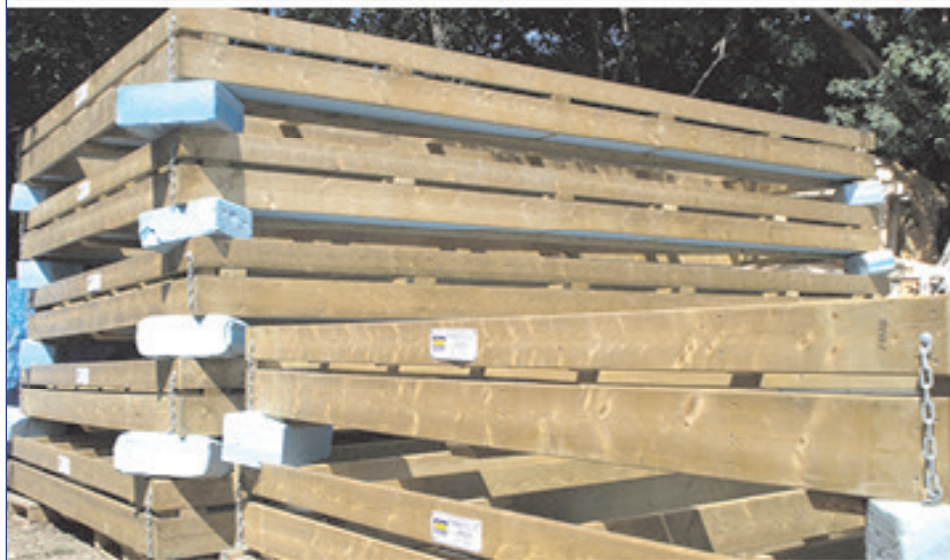
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Highlander arts



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Artist Harvey Walker gives tips and tricks about underpainting to a group of students taking his Monday night painting classes at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

Painters get one-on-one time with an artist

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

There aren't many 15-year-olds who get the opportunity to paint one-on-one with an award-winning artist.

But Minden's Emma Cox does, and for \$5 a class, people of any age can join Harvey Walker to learn about technique, style, and tips that might help their artwork improve. The 2011 Members' Show winner teaches a series of weekly painting classes every Monday at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

"I definitely learned a lot more than I was expecting to in one class," said Cox.

The HHSS student is the youngest artist in the casual class, which takes place from 6:30 – 8 p.m. Artists of any level are welcome to join the class at any time to

listen to Walker's tips and tricks, before talking about their own work.

"The idea is that participants can get individual help in a non-judgmental environment," said Walker of the class series. "It's for all those people who say, 'I can't paint, but would like to.'"

Walker said the students range from those who are just starting to experiment with paint, to those who have experience painting, and those who are interested in learning more about oils and acrylics despite typically working with another medium.

"I have a course outline, but it's really about whatever the students want to explore," said Walker. "Everybody will get something out of it, even though it might not sink in for a year or so, but then it hits you and you say, 'oh! That's what Harvey

was talking about.'"

The classes include a critique session that Walker refers to instead as "show and tell." Students are able to show their work and get feedback about it, with the benefit of being able to explain why they used a certain colour or technique to express themselves.

"Nobody's going to tell them it's terrible," said Walker. "Everyone should be personally happy with what they've achieved – it doesn't matter what others say or think."

Low self-esteem can cause some artists to stay indoors rather than share their time and art with other hobbyists, but that shyness can and should be overcome by those wanting to have a quality experience at a great rate.

"Some say, 'I won't go because

everyone's going to be better than me,' but that's the first hurdle," said Walker. "It's a night out, and you're socializing and achieving something at the same time."

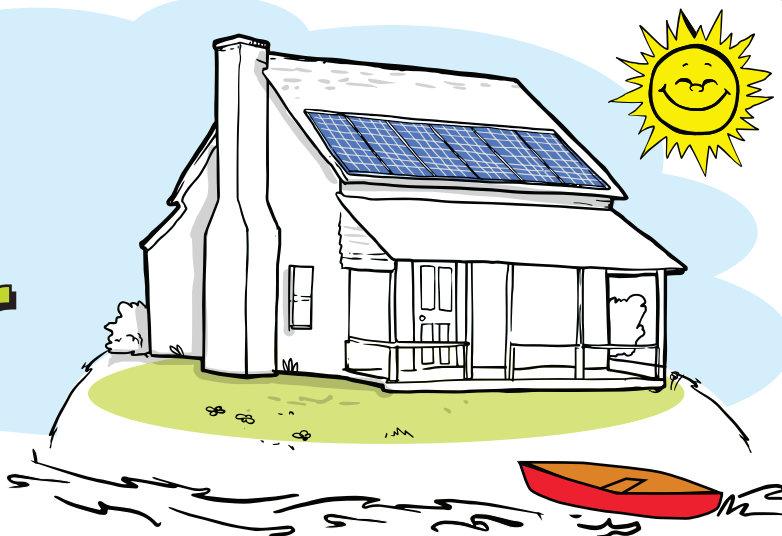
Cox has been to just one class so far, but she's excited to continue when the pay-as-you-go classes begin again in June. Though she admits there are numerous resources online for learning art techniques, nothing beats the real thing.

"Online can be more confusing," she said. "There's a big difference between having someone telling you what to do, and having someone there speaking to you and helping you with your artwork."

For more information, prospective students can e-mail Harvey Walker at harveywalker@hotmail.com, or call the Agnes Jamieson Gallery at 705-286-3763. Classes resume June 2.

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Customers Joe Beaver and Mary Beaver celebrate Minden Pharmasave's 65th anniversary with employee Sandra Heywood, owners Peter Meraw and Richard Smith, and Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott.

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Highlander business

Minden Drug Store celebrates 65 years

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

In 65 years, the oldest drug store in Haliburton County has changed hands three times. Each time it was sold, it ended up in the hands of residents who were locally minded and active in the community.

The Minden Drug Store – now known as Pharmasave – was initially owned by Minden’s only doctor, Dr. Agnes Jamieson, at a time when physicians tended to own pharmacies alongside their practice. In 1949, she put the drug store up for sale and sold it to a man who was returning from the war and looking to settle in the country.

Soon after getting married, Alliston-native Lorne Coburn served in the Second World War from 1943-1946 with the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corp. Upon returning home he worked for the Timothy Eaton company, but began looking for a pharmacy to buy just as the Minden store became available.

“My dad loved retail,” said daughter Carolyn Coburn. “People speak to me to this day about what a fine gentleman he was. He was very fair. And he didn’t care if people came into the store in fancy clothes, or with mud on their boots. They got the same service as everyone else.”

Coburn said she remembers a time when the pharmacy moved from one spot on Bobcaygeon Road to another, and that it was located in what is now Sassy Digs when she was younger.

“It has changed so much, of course,” she said of the current drug store.

Coburn worked at the original store and remembers her dad quietly disappearing into the back to cater to some customers’ needs.

“I remember when people who bought condoms had to be very discreet. They were kept in a cupboard in the back and slid into a brown paper bag.”

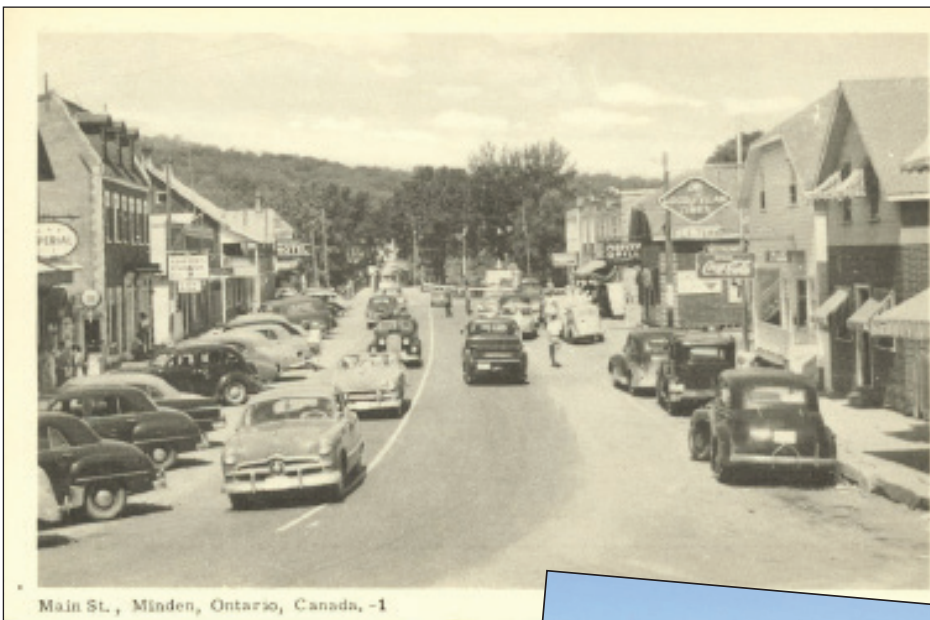
Coburn also remembers when cigarettes were available at the store, and recalls a cabinet with warm peanuts that were dished out in scoops and sold by weight. At one point, her dad began stocking the store with bird food, and came home with a budgie named Patrick that lived in a cage at the store.

“Dad always said he liked every aspect of the business, from ordering new stock to sweeping the floor to setting up the window displays,” she said.

Coburn’s dad also liked giving back to the community, and served on the town’s social planning council, as a Rotarian, and was made an honorary member of the Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts. He was also an elder at the United Church.

When it was time for him to retire to lawn bowling, curling and golf, he sold the Minden Drug Store to a young couple from Lindsay.

Paul Heffer had cottaged in the area, and together with wife Janet, bought the Minden Drug Store in 1973. Like the family before them, Paul and Jan, as well as their children Matt and John, became well-known in the town over the years for their involvement in bettering Minden through service clubs and volunteer work. At one point during their time at the drug store, Paul was awarded the honour of being Haliburton County’s person



Main St., Minden, Ontario, Canada, -1

of the year. “Paul was a really good boss,” said administrative assistant Kim Warbuton, who, as of September, will have worked at the Minden Drug Store for 25 years. She remembers customers coming in just to talk with Paul and Jan, and said they never turned a customer away from a chat even when they were busy.

The Heffers moved the drug store to its current location at 110 Bobcaygeon Street and operated it as Minden IDA until 2006, when they sold it to current owners and pharmacists Peter Meraw and Rich Smith.

“They’re wonderful people, they worked for us for seven or eight years, to help us transition to where we are today,” said Meraw. “They were very dedicated and responsible



during the transition process – you couldn’t ask for better people to help you out.”

On the Minden Drug Store’s anniversary,

May 9, Meraw and Smith hosted a birthday celebration to honour the history of the store, and to offer an event for local residents.

“It’s important that small towns in Ontario retain the culture of downtown, traditional, main street shopping,” said Meraw. “To have a real community atmosphere, and get people outdoors and socializing, you really need to have a central meeting place in your village or town, and often that is your downtown main street.”

After a huge renovation of the store and beautification of the storefront, the Minden Drug Store has become one of the central meeting places in Minden.

“Sometimes customers come in to sit in the chairs available at the front of the store, just to have a chat,” said Warbuton. “It’s absolutely a testament to what Peter and Rich are like.”

Warbuton said that the involvement of

Meraw and Smith in events like hockey coaching and free hockey practices for kids in town, as well as their dedication to events like Make It Minden, shows that they’re as community-minded as owners past.

“Some people do their job, but that’s all they do,” she said. “Here, people are so invested in their jobs – they have a love for their job and a love of the community.”

More than 400 customers visited Pharmasave during the birthday celebration, which

featured food catered by Gravity Café, live music, and raffles for Blue Jays tickets.

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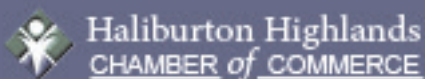
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Photo by Sue Tiffin

Diane McLay and Joey Ramos are the new owners of Minden Live Bait and Tackle.

Bait shop lures new owners to town

By Sue Tiffin
 Staff writer

A Google search led a couple from Curtis, Ontario, to the Highlands.

It was through the popular Internet search engine that Diane McLay and Joey Ramos discovered the Minden Live Bait and Tackle shop on Highway 35 was for sale back in February.

Not long after that, they visited the area, put their house up for sale, made some financial arrangements and bought the store from longtime owner Jack Saunders. They moved to the area with cats Oliver and Trixie, and took possession of the store on April 30.

Ramos admires his fiancée, who he said will

do a fantastic job managing the store. She has 22 years of experience – including 10 in a managerial position – at retail store Zellers. He is excited to be part of the community and became emotional while talking about his hopes for the couple's future in Minden.

"Whatever we can do to be part of the community, we'll do," he said.

McLay admits the pair doesn't have experience with a bait shop, but said they followed the business to get them into the area.

"We both like the Haliburton County area," she said. "It's not busy all year, and there are places for us to live that aren't in a suburb."

Both McLay and Ramos enjoy outdoor activities and are looking forward to

snowmobiling and kayaking after work. The couple said they have only been in the area for two weeks now, but have met many wonderful people – even though they're still a little disorientated from the move and can't remember anyone's name just yet.

"People who live near us and people who have been coming into the store are supportive and understanding and helpful," said McLay.

The business owners said a new sign will be coming soon, but the business remains open and they are looking forward to meeting people in the community, as well as getting customer feedback about what residents and tourists want the Minden Live Bait and Tackle shop to offer.

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Above: Members of the Highlands East Fire Department Station 4 gathered to celebrate Jane Underwood’s service to the department. Right: Station 4 Commander Aliceson Dooley (left) and Highlands East Fire Chief Bill Wingrove present Underwood with a plaque.



Underwood retires from fire dept

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Haliburton County’s first female firefighter has retired.
Jane Underwood joined the Highlands East Fire Department in 1999.
“My husband and my son joined first,” she said. “They were asked. We were out doing some community service one day and they

got a page. Everybody left except me.”
Underwood was a nurse in the intensive care unit. When her husband got back from the medical call, he said they had left the most knowledgeable person of the group – Jane – behind when they responded.
The next week she was asked to join.
“My function was to do medical and teach medicine and how to respond to it,” she said.
It was a challenge for her to adapt to the life of a volunteer firefighter.


“Going from nursing with all our equipment, to working on the fire department and doing medical with virtually nothing was a whole different ball of wax,” she said.
As the department’s medical officer, Underwood taught all of the department’s firefighters how to respond to medical calls. She said she’s going to miss spending time with the departments.
“I’m going to miss the people the most,” she said. “I really enjoy the people and

the camaraderie. The fire department in Highlands East is more than a fire department. They are a social group, they... raise money for the community. We provided monies to all the different necessary kids programs, [and] we still do.”
Underwood said she’ll always have fond memories of being on the department.
“Thank you to everybody on the fire department... I was associated with all the stations. They taught me, and I taught them.”

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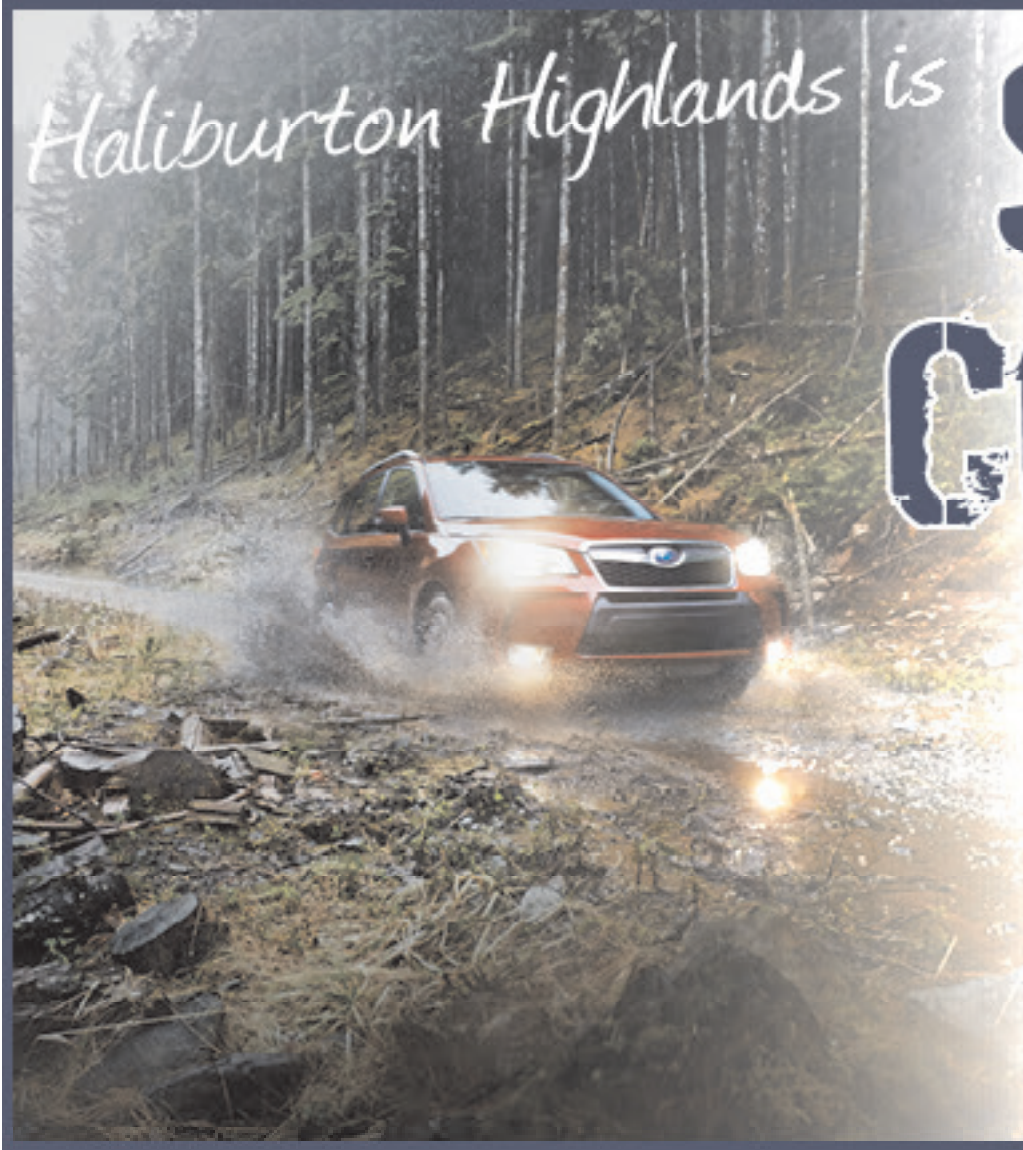
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The staff at Community Care Haliburton County are excited to be in their new location next to the hospital in Haliburton. From left are Nancy Brownsberger, community outreach coordinator; Maureen Ruttig, executive director; Brenda Bain, administrative assistant; Ida Schultz, Meals On Wheels coordinator; Janet Wood, enhanced care coordinator; and Brigitte Gebauer, volunteer coordinator.

Community Care settles into new home

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Community Care Haliburton County has moved to its new location at 7181 Gelett Road next to the hospital.

"The main difference is that we're on the Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) site, and with the integration coming in the fall, it's just going to make an easier integration process for us being so close to part of our future team," said Nancy Brownsberger, Community Care's community outreach coordinator.

Effective Oct. 1, Community Care will integrate with HHHS. Until then, the

organization will remain autonomous despite being located on the hospital's property.

Community Care moved into the new location, a house abutting the hospital's main parking lot, on April 25. The house gives their clients new opportunities, said executive director Maureen Ruttig. She's looking at building a gazebo and hosting activities in the backyard.

"With the long-term care facility right next door, [residents] can come down for the afternoon and maybe we can get some music in, not just for our clients, but also for those individuals in long-term care," she said.

In the meantime, current services will continue uninterrupted. Community Care has partnered with several organizations,

including the Haliburton and Wilberforce Legions, Community Living, the Haliburton Museum and HHHS to offer its programs at their locations.

They've also set themselves up to be ready for integration, and to have room to take on additional services such as hospice care and the VON adult day and foot care programs. The VON's clinic locations will stay the same, but it will be administered out of the new location as of Oct. 1.

"It's very inclusive what we're trying to do here," Ruttig said. "We'll be the administrative hub of the Community Health and Wellness Division of HHHS."

Once integration is done with and the adjustment period is over, Ruttig plans

to expand Community Care's services throughout the rest of the county.

"One of the things we heard from all the surveys is that we have these services, but it's either Minden or Haliburton," she said. "The vision is, once things get sorted, next spring in 2015 it's my goal to really expand programming and to be all-inclusive of the Highlands."

In the end, Ruttig said the move will be positive for both the organization and clients.

"We changed physical locations of our administrative offices, [but] everything's going to be maintained the same, in fact, even better in the long run."

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Future leaders kick off YPN

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

They came to network, share ideas, and meet like-minded and similarly aged peers.

On May 9, over 50 young people between the ages of 20 and 40 attended the Pinestone Resort for the Young Professionals Network's (YPN) Kick Off event.

"It couldn't have gone better," said Heather Kennedy, chair of the YPN steering committee. "We're very happy with the turnout. Over 50 people for our first event was amazing."

The young professionals who showed up were asked to identify their skills for the YPN, to list ideas for what they want to see happen in the Highlands, and to highlight ways the YPN could work for them.

"[We learned] there is a need for the YPN," Kennedy said. "Young people in the community need a connection with other young people. There are certain needs we [as the YPN] need to address. There are others we're not sure we can fully cover, but we plan on being the voice for young people [in the county]."

Melissa Baker attended the networking event.

"I was interested," she said. "I wasn't really sure what it was about and didn't hear about it until the day of."

Her work schedule aligned perfectly so that she was able to attend the YPN event.

"It was really good. I was able to meet a couple of people interested in the same things. It was nice getting in touch with people the same age."

Baker is from out of town and said she had trouble meeting new people her age in the county, however she was refreshed to find she wasn't the only one in that situation.

"I'm excited to see where they're going to go with it."

Kennedy said the YPN's next meeting is happening next week, when the steering committee will discuss the networking event and talk about what comes next.

"First we have to make our network," she said. "We have to pull together the information we gathered from our first event, find out what everyone's skills are and what they can offer to our network. Then we plan our next event."



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Top: Jenann Prentice writes down what she's looking for from the Young Professionals Network. Left: Steering committee chair Heather Kennedy (left) laughs with Thalia Nash and Stephanie Godfrey during the YPN's kick-off event at the Pinestone Resort on May 9. Right: Melissa Baker, left, and Jennifer Hicks pin all the destinations they've travelled to.

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One city boy, 500 metres of highway

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

If you regularly travel along County Road 21 near Haliburton, odds are you've passed a young man looking off into the distance with a reflective vest on his chest and a pair of binoculars in his hands.

No, he doesn't work for the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and he definitely isn't part of a top-secret spy agency.

His name is Robert Liveanu and he's a master's student in the forest conservation program at the University of Toronto. As part of his studies, Liveanu is required to complete an internship in order to graduate.

Soon after approaching his program coordinator, a match was found with the U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research. The local organization had an opportunity available for him to undertake turtle monitoring work as part of a multi-year project headed by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT).

"I'm a city boy," joked Liveanu, who started his two-month internship in Haliburton on May 4. "But I realized you can't do wildlife research in the city."

Every hour, Liveanu does a sweep of 500 metres of roadway that he's responsible for monitoring. He's on the lookout to see if there are any turtle species on the road or adjacent lands. Soon he will also begin gathering data on frogs and toads, which is separate and part of his own studies.

He carries a kit of essential items including binoculars, a measuring stick (to determine the size of each turtle), compass and a GPS device.

Liveanu is on site seven hours a day, five days a week. In that time, he has spotted anywhere from zero to 14 turtles in one day, most of which have been painted turtles.

Since it's an unusual site to see, Liveanu gets stopped by passing motorists at least once every shift.

"The first thing they say is, 'I'm just curious. What is it exactly that you do every day?' Others already know what's going on," he said.

The HHLT recently received a \$115,000 grant from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources Species at Risk Stewardship Fund to begin the three-year project. The purpose of the project is to "implement and evaluate turtles at risk of road mortality and offer mitigation on Haliburton roads," according to a press release.

Liveanu isn't the only university student who is stationed at one of the seven monitoring sites. U-Links has engaged students from Trent University, the University of Guelph and Fleming College.

"We have three interns, officially, and then we have another half-a-dozen to a dozen students that are covering single shifts here and there when they have time," said Emma Horrigan, director of U-Links.

About 100 volunteers have also been brought on to help monitor turtle activity in



Photo by Mark Arike

Master's student Robert Liveanu can be seen along the sides of County Road 21 near Haliburton five days a week as he keeps an eye out for turtles in the area.

the county.

According to Paul Heaven, wildlife biologist for the project, natural habitats are being impacted by the road network and that is "threatening the sustainability of our ecosystems."

"Turtle mortality is indicative of this phenomenon," said Heaven in a press release. "We are hopeful that our research will provide answers on how we can begin piecing the habitats back together again."

Once the project enters its second phase – which is expected to start in the fall – a

test site will be selected and fencing will be installed to guide turtles towards a culvert where they can go under the road instead of over it. This will not only help keep the turtle population safe, but also motorists who swerve to avoid hitting them.

"This installation will be the first of its kind for turtles ever, that we know of," said Heaven.

The HHLT is still looking for more volunteers to get involved with the project. For more information call 705-457-3700.

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Dr. Sean Thomas of the University of Toronto provides an overview of his research at the Haliburton Forest.

The science of the forest

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

A variety of research projects are underway at the Haliburton Forest, and on May 9 members of the public had the opportunity to learn more about that work during the 15th annual Research Day.

The full-day event, which was held at the Haliburton Forest, included presentations from graduate students from the University of Toronto and University of Freiburg in Germany, as well as faculty, Haliburton Forest staff and other researchers.

According to Peter Schleifenbaum, owner and manager of the Haliburton Forest, the information that comes out of the event is important to his operation and the community-at-large.

"This is not ivory tower research, this is really applied, conducted research that we can put into place if we want it to start tomorrow," said Schleifenbaum.

Research includes topics such as trees, soil, biochar and wildlife – all of which play a vital role in the overall health of the forest.

"All of these topics are really connected. If you think the bees have nothing to do with the fish and the economics, or the growth of the forest, this day makes it really clear that everything is connected. We really are talking

about this one environment that has all these facets," he said.

Some of the researchers have just recently embarked on their studies at the privately-owned forest, while others have conducted field work for the past 20 years.

The Forest has partnerships with the University of Toronto and U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research. The students are able to use an on-site research camp during the summer months.

"They stay over the summer and basically use it as a home base as they're coming in and out of the forest, doing research," said Emma Horrigan, U-Links director and research coordinator for the University of Toronto through the Haliburton Forest.

"I think it's a pretty unique situation in that the science that comes from this work, Peter [Schleifenbaum] gets to directly hear about those results and potentially implement those practices into what goes on here at Haliburton Forest."

Horrigan said the event is a great way to kick off the field season, especially because of the networking opportunities it provides.

"I always enjoy having the students and the community come up, and just get that dialogue happening between everyone involved."



Photo by Walt Griffin

Fields into forests

Martin Slykhuis (left) of Fenelon Falls is planting 3,000 trees on a property along County Road 121 that belongs to Steve Osborne. Slykhuis is working on behalf of the Bancroft Area Forest Industry Association. "[Osborne] wanted to reforest [the property]," he said. "He thought forest was better than field." Slykhuis is planting 2,500 red pine trees and 500 red oaks as part of the Trees Ontario 50 Million Tree Program. The association administers the program, and property owners can apply to have trees planted in their fields.

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Above: Ball carrier Emma Scheffee maintains control of the ball. Below: The HHSS junior girls' soccer team gathers on the field before the start of their game.



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Junior girls soccer team forges ahead despite 6-0 loss

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Although the junior girls' Red Hawks soccer team was defeated 6-0 in their most recent game against the I.E Weldon Wildcats, the team's coach says it's important that her players focus on their improvements and other measures of success.

"They improved in their offensive presence against a strong Weldon squad," said head coach Amy Klose, adding that the Hawks were unable to capitalize on their chances.

The game was held on home turf at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on May 13.

Klose said the team did a good job of transitioning the ball to forwards while the two rookie goalies played strong aggressive games.

"They improve dramatically each time they compete," she said.

As for the future, Klose said the team's next step is to control possession of the ball from goalie kicks and take advantage of scoring opportunities.

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Giving new life to old bikes

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Haliburton bike racer Nick Emsley is giving back to the community through his new Share a Bike initiative.

Emsley is asking people to donate their old bikes so that he can repair and tune them up to be donated to families in need.

"You see lots of people around, kids and adults, not being able to ride a bike," he said. "A family might have one or two bikes, and the rest of the family doesn't." Bikes that are left in the dump are a waste, he said.

"If I could take those bikes and give them to people, then everyone could go have a good time, get some exercise, and it would clean up some of the landfills."

If the bike isn't repairable, Emsley will salvage whatever parts he can to use on other bikes. He is also collecting cash donations to pay for parts that he may need for his work. Sharpley's Source for Sports in Haliburton has offered to sell him the parts he needs at cost.

Once the bikes are repaired, Emsley will distribute them through local service groups. So far he's received interest from Point in Time as well as the Municipality of Dysart et al.

Despite his strict training schedule and other commitments, Emsley said he will find the time to work on the bikes. So far he has received one donation of a child's bike, and an online cash donation through his Indiegogo fundraising campaign. He is also selling t-shirts with his logo on them to boost fundraising.

The program started on May 7.

Emsley is accepting cash, bikes, parts and helmet donations at his family's indoor cycling studio, Haliburton Indoor Cycling, located at 28 York Street in Haliburton.



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Nick Emsley is repairing bikes for the community.

"It is very important to me to see that everyone has a chance to own a bike and enjoy the benefits even if they can't afford one."

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Pond Hockey request for money gets put on ice

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Haliburton County wants to show support for the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships, but won't be agreeing to a \$25,000 ask from event organizers.

At tourism and finance committee meetings on May 14, councillors agreed the event was beneficial to the community and was something they wanted to support, but were concerned about the amount of money they were asked to give in an April delegation by Neil Lumsden, executive director of event organizer J-Core Marketing.

Lumsden asked for sponsorship at a rate of \$25,000 for three years in order to keep the event in Haliburton County. Residents in the community reacted quickly to news of the ask, and told councillors they would be expecting a similar amount of support for their own events if county opted to support the pond hockey event, while questioning what the event was bringing to the community.

"Social media's on fire about it," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt. "There's no question a lot of questions remain."

"It is a big community event,

where the community is out there enjoying and participating," said tourism committee member Dale Rider. "There is potential, certainly just from the dollars and cents standpoint, but pond hockey needs more sponsors."

"The reality of it is that Haliburton is a hockey town. With the film launch and two years of pond hockey... if you have a five year commitment, you're going to see a big difference in what that can do in terms of putting us on the map. Hockey players talk about hockey. We have been mentioned on Don Cherry's show, we'll be mentioned again, and that's what we want. What is that worth to us in terms of financial commitment?"

Council wanted to know what would be available to them in exchange for the money. County tourism director Amanda Ranson said she was talking to Lumsden about the marketing and branding opportunities for the county, but that she had reservations about the amount being asked for.

"It's a fantastic event, it's really unique, and it's great exposure for us," she said. "I'd hate to see it go. But I don't think the county is in the business of just giving a cash infusion. I'm looking at this in terms

of where is that branding opportunity for the county. Twenty-five thousand dollars is a big chunk of my budget and I'm concerned about that."

"We want to move from donor to sponsor," said Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid. "We're prepared to step up and be a participant in this, but we have expectations we'll get some advertising value that's commensurate."

Reid said it was clear there was no intention for county to pay \$25,000 over three years to keep the event in Haliburton County, but that the finance committee might recommend \$5,000 to \$10,000 over two or three years depending on the value for the county.

"If they can show us that marketing value, we can consider it, but it can't just be, 'give us that money because we're great,'" said Ranson. "I think to be fair to the community we need to find out what we'd receive both at the \$5,000 and \$10,000 levels, and evaluate that opportunity just as we would any other event."

Councillors agreed to respond to Lumsden by his deadline of late May, and will make a final decision about the level of support they will offer at the May 28 county council meeting.



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Minden 150 won't ride in 2014

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Despite its popularity, the Minden 150 has been cancelled this year.

The event has been volunteer-operated since its inception in 2009, but volunteers told the Minden Hills community service department they would not be participating this year. This left the future of the event undecided but in April, most Minden Hills councillors were positive about taking the ride on as a signature township event.

"It's an incredibly popular event because it's a challenging route, it's beautiful, and there's low-volume traffic riding," Eleanor McMahon, Share the Road Cycling Coalition CEO and founder, told The Highlander.

Share the Road had partnered with the event since 2011 and planned to participate again depending on the outcome of council's vote at a May 8 council meeting.

After discussion at the meeting and with clarification from interim community services director Darren Levstek that without volunteer support, the event could cost the township up to \$19,000, council decided against hosting the Minden 150 this year with a vote of 4-3.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid, and councillors Cheryl Murdoch and Lisa Schell voted in support of the event.

"I supported the 150 as I believe strongly in doing as much as we can as a municipality to attract visitors to our area," said Schell. "Events like this draw people into the community who will spend money at our local stores and restaurants, and hopefully return to Minden at another time."

Councillors Larry Clarke, Ken Redpath, Brigitte Gall and Jean Neville voted against hosting the event this year.

Clarke was vocal about not supporting the

Minden 150 based on a lack of volunteer support and what he said was a lack of time available to organize the event.

"The late notice is not fair to the township staff, and it sets yourself up for failure," he told The Highlander. "I think it would have been irresponsible of us. When you're dealing with taxpayers' money, you can't shoot from the hip. You're accountable."

"I felt this was too short notice for the municipality to endeavour at this time and an expense that wasn't included in our budget process," said Neville. "Had we been approached during last year's event and had background and support going into 2014, it could possibly have been managed."

McMahon said dozens of people have written to ask about the details of this year's Minden 150, and that it didn't take long to organize the event, but that the cycling coalition understood council's position.

"Volunteers worked really well with this, but I guess it was too much for them," said McMahon. "Maybe the commitment isn't there. That's the nature of volunteerism."

"Of course we're disappointed, but we understand and respect their decision."

The Share the Road cycling coalition is willing to partner with the Minden 150 if it continues in 2015.

"I do hope the Minden 150 does proceed this year," said Neville. "Possibly the event organizers could attract a large corporate sponsor to ensure it goes forward. It is an outstanding event for the community and the businesses of Minden Hills."

McMahon said former community services director Rick Cox played a large part in organizing the Minden 150 in the past, and that Share the Road would be working with him to organize a cycling event in Tillsonburg this upcoming October.



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Getting into the woods for wild edibles hike

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

It was last year in the fall that I first read about the Haliburton Land Trust's edible walk tours, led by local residents who know how to forage, or identify and collect food from nature.

It seemed a fascinating prospect, especially for a born-again Canadian who had spent nearly a decade living among older-than-old Koreans who admirably didn't think twice before plucking something from the side of the road for a dinner later that evening. Despite growing up in the Highlands, I can barely identify a birch tree. But I love to hike and I'll eat anything that doesn't have a face, so I decided to try to remember to get out there.

Then my dad and I were sitting outside looking at his garden on one of the first sunny days of the year when he mentioned that he would be interested in doing a wild edibles tour. He likely didn't think I would take that as a go-ahead to sign him up for such a tour coincidentally happening a few days later, but then it was done and he was stuck leaving the comfort of his chair and crossword puzzles for a trek through the woods.

Admittedly, I was nervous about his ability to participate in a walking tour. It wasn't so long ago that he had major surgery on his leg, and I wasn't sure if, as a new senior, he'd be tired or stressed trying to keep up with other nature aficionados who might be more active. I should note that in my imagination, those aficionados would possibly be wearing loincloths and have the ability to swing from tree branches.

Who signs up for these tours? Would my dad be the oldest? Could everybody else identify a birch tree? Would we – my senior dad, my seven months pregnant self and my husband with a near-toddler strapped to him – keep up? Would we just be listening to a lecture?

But we did keep up, and sometimes for his lack of patience, Dad led the way for the 32 people of all shapes and sizes who joined the hour-and-a-half tour that day. He'd grumble about other things he had to do that day, but then he'd lean over and share his own experience with the ferns and flowers and mushrooms being pointed out by tour guide Carolyn Langdon. There was a six-

year-old who knew more about roots and plants than, well, me, certainly. His dad joined in the conversation to add his own knowledge about foraging, which helped complement our tour guide's explanations.

A man named Norm acted as the map guide as well as the potential medical rescue, should any of us need it, and the discussion on the walk was as organic as some of the edibles we found. It was relaxed and comfortable and made for anyone – young, old, experienced or amateur. And nobody wore a loin cloth.

We learned that in Quebec and New York, wild leek harvesting is banned due to overzealous pickers selling to restaurateurs. Haliburton County has an abundance of leeks, which was made clear on the three-kilometre tour. Once you've learned to identify a leek colony, it's hard to not see them everywhere you look.

"We have to be very judicious even in our household harvesting," said Langdon, who is protective of Haliburton County's leek supply.

We learned that the first flower in spring, coltsfoot, doesn't have culinary value for humans, but is the first food for bees after a long hard winter. The First Nations used it for medicinal needs, and it can be boiled down into cough syrup and cough candies.

We learned about the benefit of blue cohosh as the 'woman's herb,' which made my dad zone out a little bit. Later when my mom asked how the tour went, he'd mutter, "we talked about herbs you girls can use for cramps."

We learned that the best way to eradicate some invasive species is to eat them, and that pine pollen is nutritious enough that there's some worth licking it from your car, if you dare – and if you don't have neighbours who will see you doing that.

Our tour guide suggested most of us would make it out of the woods just before my dad mentioned he hoped the rest of the trail was downhill. And it was.

Despite his typical dad tendency to complain, my old man had a good time on the walk. He got outdoors, he got exercise, he learned about our area, and except for a donation he happily made to the Land Trust, it was free. Going forward, he'll also have an endless supply of free leeks.

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Scott Bird of the MNR helps load fish into a tank on the helicopter.

Fish take to the skies

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Fish were flying high on May 13, but their time in their air was part of a routine event.

“The reason we use the helicopter is because the lakes we’re going to you can’t get to by boat, or ATV or truck,” said Terry Hill, chairman of the Haliburton fish hatchery. “They’re pretty isolated lakes.”

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Helicopter pilot Doug Holtby said he hovers about three feet

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Hill said the hatchery’s mandate under the MNR is to stock approximately 40,000 fish annually in local lakes. Those fish are raised by volunteers who look after them prior to their release.

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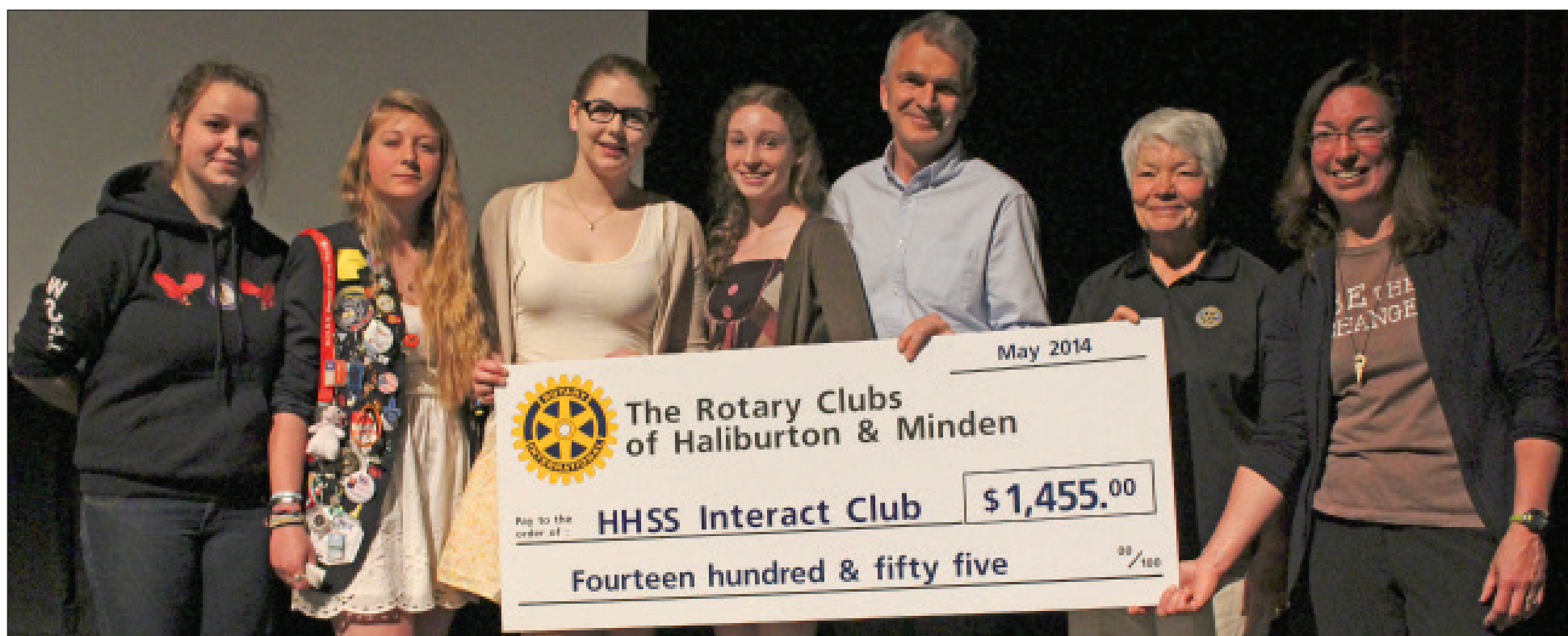
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Junior highlanders



By Matthew Desrosiers

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Interact Club raised \$1,455 through last year's Rotary Radio Day on Canoe FM and received the cheque on May 13. Pictured from left are Interact Club members Daryl Woodley, Oceane Hames, Hanna Reddering and Emma Cox, Haliburton Rotarian Andy Salvatori, Minden Rotarian Joanna Penfold, and HHSS teacher Jennifer Paton.

HHSS students help Kenyans with school

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Through the annual Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) Interact Club fundraising efforts, local high school students together with the community have provided 14 oxen for Africans, built wells and toilets for two schools in India, and provided goats to farmers in rural China.

But their biggest accomplishment might have been to ensure that two missing Kenyan girls were able to go to high school.

The girls were sponsored by HHSS donations that were raised through Interact's Global Fundraiser in 2012. The donations ensured the girls could pay the yearly high school tuition of \$450, a fee that is essentially impossible for many locals to afford in a country where the average salary is \$2 per day.

Each term, the money would be wired to a man named Kuntai, the brother of a Kenyan man who once stayed with the Ballantyne

family in Haliburton through the Canada World Youth program, and Kuntai would pay the bill. He requested that the total amount of tuition not be wired in one chunk so as to not put him in danger for having so much money.

But then Kuntai couldn't be reached, and it is now feared that he might be dead. Without a middleman, the girls being sponsored by HHSS were no longer able to receive tuition fees and could not be located.

So the school enlisted the help of some volunteers with Education is Power (EIP), a registered Canadian charity based in Kenya and Tanzania. Volunteers there are working to improve access to education for students from primary age to university, with the hope that the students will then use their education to give back to their community. Through EIP, the high school girls were found, their tuitions paid, and their school years continued.

Choosing a charity to support this year

was an easy one for HHSS.

"It's always an interesting process each year, as the Interact members bring forward different charities for the group to consider," said Interact club staff advisor and HHSS teacher Jennifer Paton. "But this was one of the fastest easiest decisions compared to other years when we have debated, for example, dolphins versus medical care."

By raising funds for EIP, HHSS is supporting students so they are able to avoid being sold into pre-arranged marriages when they are as young as 12-years-old, and have the chance to go to school – even if they have to walk 10 kilometres to get there and share a classroom with 60 other kids.

Interact club leader and Grade 12 student Hanna Reddering is proud of the club's decision to support EIP.

"I believe it is incredibly important for young people around the world to have equal opportunities to go to school and get

an education," she said. "If I could be a part in helping even one student go to school I would be very happy and proud."

"This is what rotary clubs do all over the world," said Rotarian Andy Salvatori, who works closely with the HHSS Interact club. "What people go through to get an education really makes you appreciate what you have."

To raise funds this year, HHSS will be holding activities all week to generate interest from students and the community. Students can donate to have their teachers "pied" in the face with a whipped cream pie, or to force their teachers to eat gross foods like raw potatoes and snails. Alongside local Rotarians, students also took over the airwaves by helping to host Rotary Radio Days on May 14 at Canoe FM.

"I hope that in holding events at the school we will be able to educate all members of the community, old and young, about giving back to the world," said Reddering.

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Through my eyes

Eating habits

Food. We eat it, we need it.

Most youngsters will eat everything and, as a species, we are everywhere on the eating spectrum. However, it's much different for autistic children. We are nitpicky about everything, including food.

When I was younger I hated eating chicken, but my mother got me to eat it by calling it pork because that was the only meat I liked. Growing up I only liked two things – deep-fried dinosaur shaped chicken nuggets and macaroni and cheese. Why you ask? Because the texture and taste of others foods did not appeal to me. A lot of foods feel like sand in my mouth so I am reluctant to try new foods of any kind.

You would never know that now. My diet has changed in the last few years and my menu of foods has broadened. I now eat chicken, pork, steak (if it's cooked on the barbecue), potatoes, macaroni, rice and pizza.

Recently I found a lovely beverage cocktail known as smoothies. These fruit cocktails are an amalgamation of various fruits and vegetables blended together with yogurt to

make a thick creamy milkshake styled juice. But don't let your kids know there are veggies in them, especially if they are like me. Smoothies take on the most vibrant taste in the mix so be careful. I made one that had three fruits, strawberries, pineapple, and banana, but it tasted like strawberries because there were so many of them in the mix.

Smoothies on the one hand are scrumptious, but are also very nutritious for those not getting their daily requirement of fruits and veggies. Because I enjoyed smoothies so much, I decided to take some risks and try other foods I would never have even considered in the past. One of my favourites is pureed zucchini baked into bread or cupcakes. They are a moist, delicious, healthy snack. I have tried chicken Alfredo and loved that, too. Over the last few years I have become accustomed to eating a variety of foods, which is so unlike the younger me.

If you find your kids are very picky, don't force them to eat something they don't want. Instead search their palette to see what they

might like. If your child likes chicken there is a chance they will like pork. If they like pasta, they may like orzo, a rice shaped pasta, as well.

Now that I have expanded my food choices, I find my diet is much healthier. I eat junk food and snacks too, but I am improving my diet and trying to eat healthier. I recommend exploring what your kids may or may not like by branching out from the foods they currently enjoy. I also recommend trying to sneak healthy foods into their diets through baked goods, smoothies, etc. I have provided a few tips to help make eating healthier, but still enjoyable for kids. Nutritious smoothies, expanding choices in the same category of food they currently eat, and blending certain fruits and vegetables into breads or cakes are just a few ways to get them to try new things.

Growing up, my favourite bread was banana and now I love zucchini bread. I never thought I would be saying that!



By Austin McGillion

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Photos by Mark Arike

Top: From left, Rotarian Maureen O'Hara, Joanna Penfold, Rotary youth exchange chair; and HHSS student Emma Cox chat during a commercial break at Canoe FM. Above: O'Hara, right, goes on the air with Malcolm MacLean, Canoe FM personality and station president.

Rotary Radio Day a collaborative effort

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The Canoe FM studio was buzzing with activity on May 14 during the sixth annual Rotary Radio Day.

The day's programming was determined by Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students who are part of the Interact club. Members of the Haliburton and Minden Rotary Clubs also collaborated with the students, both behind-the-scenes and on the air.

Around 2 p.m. that day, the club had raised \$1,800 for Education is Power, a volunteer organization that helps provide financial assistance to students and teachers in East Africa. Those funds were collected through the sales of advertising spots, however, additional funds were also raised from generous listeners who paid \$10 to request a song.

"It's been going great," said Grade 10

student Emma Cox, who took the lead on this year's fundraiser.

The students and Rotary members took over the airwaves between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. During those hours, the students had an opportunity to highlight what's been going on at their school over the past year.

A number of pre-recorded interviews were played and live on-air hosts from Canoe FM also participated in the full day of programming.

"Everyone's awesome," said Cox, when speaking about working with the station's volunteers. "We're all bobbing to the songs and singing along."

Joanna Penfold, youth exchange chair for Rotary, was happy to see everyone working together toward a common goal.

"It's awesome," said Penfold. "It's a great way of working together on something and supporting what's going on, and keeping that connection with the students and Rotary."

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7 Milne Street,
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In the matter of Section 45 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13, as amended, and
in the matter of Zoning By-law No. 06-10 as amended.

File No. MV A03/2014, Part Lot 14, Concession 13, geographic Township of Minden
- Peterson Road

Purpose: The Applicant requires relief to replace their existing non-complying dwelling
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1. From Section 5.2 to exceed the maximum permitted lot coverage in the Shoreline Residential zone by 13.9% (total proposed lot coverage is 28.9%).
2. From Section 4.7.4 (v) to increase the coverage of the non-complying building by 106.8% more than the 25% permitted increase (the proposed building will be 175.3 m² [1887 sq.ft], which is 131.8% larger than the existing building). The proposed building will exceed the maximum permitted lot coverage in the Shoreline Residential zone.
3. From Sections 4.7.4 (ii) and 5.2 to reduce the existing setback from the high water mark from 14.4 metres (47 feet) to 11.9 metres (39 feet).
4. From Section 5.2 to reduce the western interior side yard setback from the required 4.5 metres (14.8 feet) to 2.6 metres (8.5 feet).
5. From Sections 4.7.4 (ii) and 5.2 to reduce the existing rear yard setback from 9.3 metres (30.5 feet) to 4.8 metres (15.7 feet).
6. From Section 4.7.4 (iii) to increase the height of the non-complying building by 2.86 metres (9.4 feet) more than the permitted 1.2 metre (3.9 foot) increase. The total height of the proposed building will be 8.7 metres (28.5 feet) which does not exceed the maximum permitted height for a principal building in the Shoreline Residential zone.

File No. MV A08/2014, Part Lot 27, Concession 4, geographic Township of Lutterworth - Moore Lake Estates Road

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For more info call 705-766-9968 or
Email dro@algonquinhighlands.ca

The Langdon Family celebrates 50 years on the main street and invites you to stop by Haliburton Home Hardware on Thursday, May 22nd from 1-4 p.m.

Archival material from the Haliburton Highlands Museum will be on display.

We sincerely thank all our customers, our current and former staff for their support



GUN SHOW & SALE
Sunday May 18th 7:30 am - 1 pm
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Highlander classifieds

GARAGE/YARD SALES

NEIGHBOURHOOD DOWNSIZING SALE!
Milburn Road multi-family sale, Saturday, May 17, 8-2 p.m. Good quality items: beds, shelving, linens, kitchenware, household items. Look for the sign on Gelert Road south of Gelert. A portion of the proceeds to donated to support the work of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust at the Dahl Forest. (MA15)

ANTIQUES, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, automotive, old lumber and much more! Saturday, 7 a.m., 3981 Deep Bay Rd, Minden. (MA15)

GARAGE SALE Saturday & Sunday, May 17 & 18, 8-2 p.m. Chain saw, printer, 45's, collectibles, Christmas decorations and lots more. 1612 Duck Lake Rd. (MA15)

9 PRINCE ST, variety of everything, Saturday & Sunday, all day. (MA15)

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE, May 17 & 18, 8 a.m. 13405 Hwy 35, 2km north of Minden. Farm tractor with blade, generator, band saw, Kirby vacuum, large cooler, garden rototiller, furniture, 26' Schwinn mountain bike, lots more. Rain or shine. (MA15)

YARD SALE, rain or shine, 8-4 p.m. 2432 Haliburton Lake Rd. (MA15)

MOVING SALE – 37 Museum Rd, Haliburton, May 17 & 18, 8-2 p.m. Rain or shine, everything must go! Indoor/outdoor furniture, lamps, linens, tools, clothing and much, much more. (MA15)

MOVING SALE, May 17 & 18, 8-4 p.m. 1061 Ella Court, West Guilford. (MA15)

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE, rain or shine. May 16, 2-8 p.m. May 17, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. 1344 Hamilton Rd, Minden (Hwy 35 at lights, South Lake Rd to Hamilton Rd). Including paddleboat, 12' aluminum, 9 hp. (MA15)

YARD SALE for St. George's Youth Bursary Fund. Friday, May 16, 4-8 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Bill Gliddon's yard, 9 Cedar Ave, Haliburton. (MA15)

YARD SALE, 4365 Gelert Rd, 9-6 p.m. (MA15)

MOVING SALE – China cabinet, Duncan phyfe table, colonial dresser, Singer sewing machine, clothes cupboard, maple table, sofa bed & chair, night tables, bookshelf. Follow signs from Sir Sam's Ski parking lot, Saturday, May 17, 8-3 p.m. (MA15)

BETTER THAN A GARAGE SALE! Moving house after 66 years. One day sale Saturday, May 17. Start time 9 a.m., 1835 Kashagawigamog Lake Rd. (MA15)

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The family of the late William Peacock would like to thank family and friends for the cards, donations, food and flowers. Thanks to the staff at Highland Wood for the excellent care and kindness that was shown to William while he was a resident. Special thanks to Betty Hicks and the girls.

Madeline Peacock & family

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**Child/Family Mental Health
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Our Children's Mental Health team has a contract therapist position for a one year full time contract position open from June 1, 2014 to June 1, 2015. Deadline to apply will be May 30th at 4 pm. The person we seek will be knowledgeable about rural issues, enjoy working as part of team of clinicians, bring a variety of therapeutic approaches (especially brief therapy, family therapy and evidence-based interventions) to counseling in homes, schools and the agency office. The role includes some case management. S/he will have a relevant Master's degree or a Bachelor's degree in Social Work with a minimum of 5 years experience) and counseling expertise with children, youth and families. The candidate should have strong collaborative skills in working with local community partners (such as our Working Together for Kids Mental Health Project) and the ability to utilize current assessment tools in helping plan effective strategies and solutions for our clients. Some evening work may be required and a car is a necessity. A complete job description is available from the Finance Supervisor on request.

Please forward curriculum vitae by 4 pm on Friday, May 30th, 2014 to Human Resources, Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents, Box 1306, Haliburton, ON, K0M 1S0. fax: 705-457-3492, e-mail hnp@pointintime.ca. Please visit our website at <http://www.pointintime.ca>



Municipality of Highlands East

Is accepting applications for the following positions:

*Shiftguard
Junior Lifeguard*

For the Cardiff Pool

Qualifications Needed:

- Must be (16) years of age
- Possess current Bronze Cross certificate
- Possess current Standard First Aid certificate with "CPR" C
- Possession of current NLS certificate for Pool is required for the Shiftguard and would be an asset for the Junior Lifeguard
- Must have reliable transportation to the Cardiff Pool and beaches

Applicants are to state the position they are applying for as well as state qualifications and supply proof of the same.

Apply in writing before May 30th, 2014

Glen Covert
Environmental Supervisor
P.O. Box 160

Cardiff, Ontario K0L 1M0

Phone: 1-613-339-2442

Fax: 1-613-339-1028

Email: gcovert@highlandseast.ca

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The Ontario Early Years Children's Learning Centre in Alinden is presently seeking a cook. The successful applicant will be familiar with the Canada Food Guide and be able to work in a fast paced environment. Completion of/working to attain Food Handlers course and previous experience in institutional cooking preferred. The candidate selected for the position will also be required to provide a current criminal record check.

Please apply in confidence with your cover letter and resume to: employment@oeylcc.com

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Immediate requirement for a casual/ part-time bar steward. Must be willing to work all shifts including weekends. Smart Serve certificate required.



Please forward resume to:
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Wilberforce, ON K0L 3C0 or
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Highlander classifieds

HELP WANTED

SUMMER HELP WANTED
– waitress & kitchen help, bring resume between 2-4 p.m., Gramma's Fish & Chips, 705-286-6365. (MA15)

FRY COOK WANTED - part time, weekend work available leading to full time for the summer. Must be able to multitask, be good natured, reliable and hard working, flexibility a must. Experience preferred but not necessary, will train. Drop off resume at Baked & Battered, 128 Highland St. (TFN)

EXPERIENCED ROOFERS/SHINGLERS and laborers for a busy roofing company. Fully insured. Call 705-448-2734. (MA22)

HELP WANTED

WAITRESS WANTED, full-time and part-time as soon as possible. Experience preferred, 705-457-2440 or stop by Haliburton Family Restaurant. (MA22)

CUSTOMER SERVICE REP, automotive parts, experience an asset. Competitive wage and benefits. Please contact CARQUEST Minden at cqminden@hotmail.com, call 705-286-1011 or in person at 8 Peck St. in Minden. (TFN)

LOOKING FOR A QUALIFIED flooring installer. Please call Derrick or Craig at Riverview furniture 705-286-3167. (MA30)

HELP WANTED

Rails End Gallery SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT - Community Arts Animator for public programming and children's activities, Gallery Assistant for Boutique and Exhibition support. Candidate must be full-time student 2013 and returning to school Fall 2014. Learn how to apply at www.railsendgallery.com or call Laurie Jones at 705-457-2330. Deadline May 21. (MA15)

MATURE PERSON FOR HOUSEKEEPING, 20-25 hours per week. Call 705-489-2158. (MA22)

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EVENTS

ALCOHOL PROBLEMS - call Alcoholics Anonymous - we care. 705-324-9900. (TFN)

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (NA) - every Wednesday, 7-8 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Haliburton Hospital. (TFN)

EVENTS

HALIBURTON COUNTY MASTER GADENERS
SATURDAY, MAY 31st
10:00 - 12:00
★ **PLANT SALE** ★
Downtown Minden Village Green
Quality Plants at Great Prices!
Come Early for Best Selection!



NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, May 29th, 2014 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

1. File No. SRA-13-05

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Lot 19, Concession 11, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9530, registered August 6, 2013.

2. File No. SRA-13-17

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Davis Lake, lying in front of Lot 10, Concession 3, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9616, registered March 14, 2014.

3. File No. SRA-13-14

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of Lot 26, Concession 3, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9624, registered April 9, 2014.

4. File No. SRA-13-18

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Big Bob Lake, lying in front of Lot 8, Concession 1, geographic Township of Anson, designated as Parts 1 and 2, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9625, registered April 9, 2014.

5. File No. SRA-12-09

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Bob Lake, lying in front of Lot 12, Concession 3, geographic Township of Anson, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9626, registered April 15, 2014.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place noted above, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 15th day of May, 2014.

Adam King, M.R.M.
Planning Administrator

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Applications must be received by May 26, 2014.
For a Position Description Visit: www.haliburtoncdc.ca
E-mail: ptallman@haliburtoncdc.ca
Mail: P.O. Box 210, 235 Highland Street, 2nd Floor,
Haliburton ON K0M 1S0

Highlander events



By Mark Arike

Wind Symphony concert dedicated to John Heffer

The Highlands Wind Symphony delivered its 15th annual spring concert to an audience at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on May 12. The group of local talent performed a variety of musical numbers under the direction of conductors Glen Carter, Dan Manley (above) and Lorie Reddering. The Highlands Swing Band also performed four pieces with the help of Judy Cole. This year's concert was dedicated to the late John Heffer, a former member of the Highlands Wind Symphony.



John Wissent, vice president of franchising for M&M Meat Shops, flips burgers at the charity barbecue for Chron's and Colitis Canada.

Charity BBQ for Crohn's and colitis

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

By purchasing a hotdog or hamburger at a charity barbecue held at M&M Meat Shops in Haliburton on May 10, local residents and visitors helped raise \$2,200 for Crohn's and Colitis Canada.

The local event was part of the company's cross-Canada fundraiser, which is now in its 26th year. The company's goal was to raise \$1 million.

"Today has been excellent," said store manager Jan Newbatt. "I'm really pleased."

Volunteers such as Newbatt ran the event, which also

featured a draw with items donated by local businesses and those outside of Haliburton County.

Newbatt said the fundraiser has made her more aware of these conditions and the challenges they pose to people who have them.

"I knew nothing about Crohn's [or colitis] when I first started here, and I didn't realize that it was such an extensive disease ... I also discovered how many people in our own community have this and how it's affected them," she said.

According to Crohn's and Colitis Canada's website, Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis cause chronic, or lifelong, inflammation of the gut. Over 200,000 Canadians suffer from these diseases.

NOTICE

Here's what's happening this week at the

Employment Centre

- Over 55?
- Need a Job?

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EVENT

DOWN EAST EVENING

FEATURING

"THE HIGHLANDS TRIO"

&

A MARITIMES' DINNER

AT MINDEN UNITED CHURCH
21 HUNTERS CREEK RD. MINDEN

SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2014

DINNER & SHOW 5-10 PM - ADULT - \$25 YOUTH - \$10
SHOW ONLY 7 PM - ADULT - \$15 YOUTH - \$5

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT MINDEN UNITED CHURCH, 21 HUNTERS CREEK RD. MINDEN, ONT. L0L 1A0. OR BY CALLING 705-457-1421

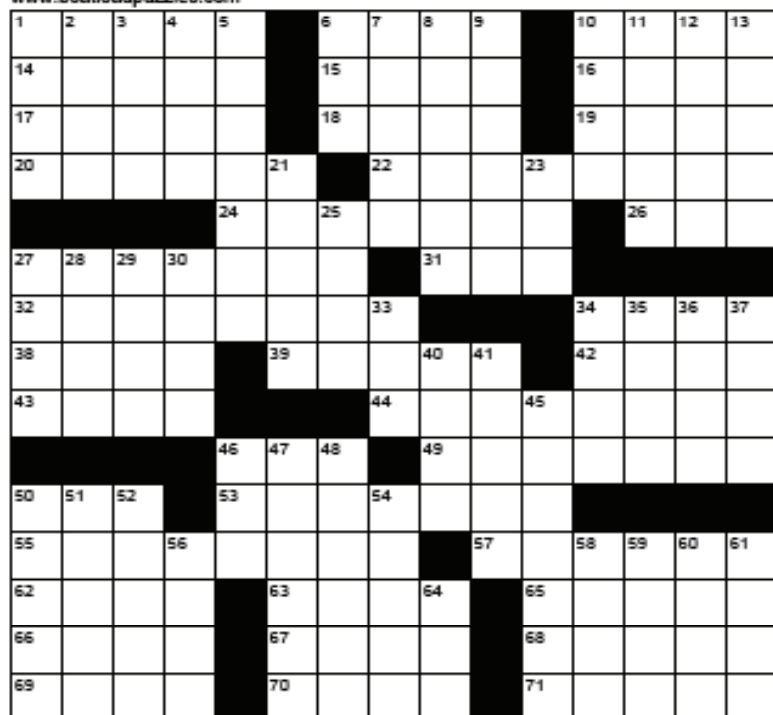
PROCEEDS WILL BE SPLIT BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND THE HALIBURTON R.O. VOLLEYBALL CLUB ATHLETES

EVENTS

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Highlander events

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34. Land unit
38. Burn balm
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44. Soak in vinegar and oil
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1. Automobiles

DOWN

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10. Fairy-tale fiend
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28. Horseback game
29. Urge
30. High cards
33. Lip
34. Complexion woe
35. Chowder shellfish
36. Appraise
37. Adam's home
40. Pretzel seasoning
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45. Thorough (hyph.)
46. Washington, DC time zone
47. Actress Julia ____
48. Formal procession
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54. Royal rule
56. Average
58. Tempt
59. Famous canal
60. Narrate
61. Slithery swimmers
64. Scarlet

MAY 2014 EVENTS

THURSDAY

CFUW Haliburton Highlands open meeting – Fleming College Great Room, 7 p.m.

Friends of the Library AGM – Common Room, Minden Hills Community Centre, begins at 1 p.m.

Ceramics for your garden workshop – The Art Hive, 7-9 p.m., \$35.

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Roast beef dinner hosted by the Wilberforce Curling Club – Lloyd Watson Centre, 5-7 p.m.

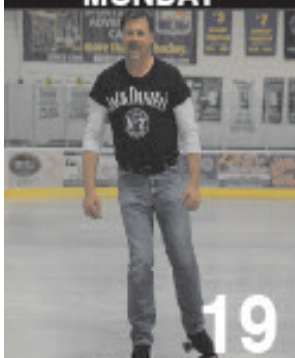
Giant book & book basket sale – Minden Hills Library, 10-3 p.m.

Yard and pie sale – Ingoldsby United Church, 9-1 p.m.

SUNDAY



MONDAY



TUESDAY

Seniors standing balance exercise class – Minden Hospital, every Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Haliburton County Farmers' Market – Head Lake Park, 12-4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Send your not for profit community event to
ashley@haliburtonhighlander.ca
for your free listing

THURSDAY

Ceramics for your garden workshop – The Art Hive, 7-9 p.m., \$35.

Seniors standing balance exercise – Minden Hospital, every Thursday, 2 p.m.

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Minden Horticultural Society's annual plant sale – Village Green, Minden, 10 a.m..

SUNDAY



MONDAY

WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LEGION MAY 8-14, 2014

Haliburton Branch (705-457-2571)
General meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m.
Meat draw, Friday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$2/draw.
50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m.
Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30-1 p.m.
Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m.
Bingo, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Minden Branch (705-288-4541)
Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m.
Seniors "Bid" Euchre, Tuesday, 1 p.m.
Meat Draw, Wednesday, lunchtime.
Creative Crew, Thursday, 10 a.m.
Ladies darts, Thursday, 1 p.m.
Euchre, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 5-7 p.m.
Mixed darts, Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-4 p.m.

Wilberforce Branch (705-448-2221)
Pool, Friday, 1:30 p.m.
Spaghetti dinner, Friday, 5-7 p.m.
Jam session, Friday, 7 p.m.
Everyone welcome!
Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m.
Horseshoe tournament registration, 11 a.m. to noon.
Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m.
Elections for Legion Executive, Tuesday, 7 p.m.

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What's on

Renowned news anchor signs up for book talk

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

With an unmistakable voice and a career in broadcasting that has spanned more than 60 years, Lloyd Robertson is nothing short of a Canadian icon.

On May 24, local residents and other fans of the former CTV news anchor and current host of W5 will have the opportunity to see him in person during a book signing at Harmony Farm in Burnt River.

"This is the third book signing that we've done," said Sara Bornstein, who owns the establishment with Kevin Brandt.

In recent years, the pair has hosted book signings and author talks with the likes of Canadian journalist Allan Fotheringham and Don Harron, otherwise known by his alter ego, Charlie Farquharson.

Bornstein said her "parental PR person" put the wheels in motion to set up the event with Robertson.

"Her emails were quite persistent. After pleading her case about Allan coming here, they agreed on a date that was convenient for him [Robertson]," she said.

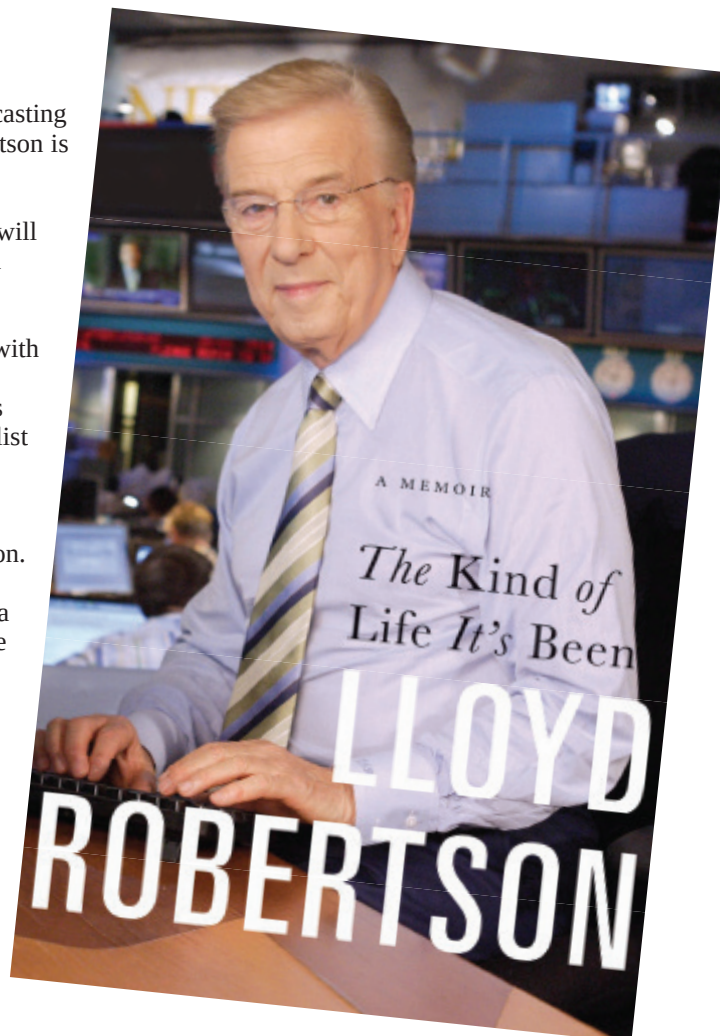
Robertson hails from Stratford, Ont., which happens to be Brandt's hometown. He's looking forward to meeting the news veteran for the first time.

"Lloyd was on the air for countless years as the voice of the news late at nights and it will be interesting to meet him up close and personal," said Brandt.

During the event Robertson will delve into his life and career, which has been detailed in the pages of his first book, "The Kind of Life It's Been." A question and answer period will follow his talk.

Bornstein and Brandt believe they have a unique venue, and events such as this only add to its appeal.

"I believe we've always been considered a unique establishment, and by hosting these events and getting these types of people to come here makes us a little



more unique. Not your average restaurant," said Bornstein.

The brunch will be served before the free event, which runs from 1-3 p.m.

Those interested in attending should make a reservation by calling 705-488-3300.

Lindsay Country Jamboree

July 17 - 20, 2014
Lindsay Agricultural Society Grounds & Facility
354 Angeline St. Lindsay ON

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2014 LINEUP

THURSDAY JULY 17	SATURDAY JULY 19
Riki Knox	Wendy Snider
Bill White	George Hillier
Houseband	John Fraser
The Hughey Band	Mark LaForme
Montana Sky	Eddie Eastman
FRIDAY JULY 18	SUNDAY JULY 20
Stacey Zeger	Gospel Hour
Dave Barber	Featuring The
Chuck Simms	Garrett's
Marven James	Paul Jones
Diane Chase &	Gord Youmans
Jamie Warren	Gloria Downer
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- Detached garage, 2 driveways
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- 178' riverfront - swim, canoe

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- 3 bedroom, open concept layout
- Custom kitchen, island breakfast bar
- Master with walk-in closet
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- Corner lot 2+ acres

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- Custom finished country home
- Energy efficient R2000 construction
- 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, finished basement
- Detached garage and workshop
- 1.39 acres near Minden, Bob Lake, Gull Lake, Gull River

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- 200 ft water frontage on 1.5 acres
- Level cleared areas, driveway, hydro at lot line
- Private year round road
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- 3+2 bdrm home with 2552 sq ft living space
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- 6 bedroom, 2 bath, 2,688 square feet
- 140 feet of waterfront with clean shoreline
- Sunset exposure, extensive decking
- Hot tub, lakeside shed, dock
- Year round access, turn-key set up!

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- 4 bedroom Vicaroy
- Expansive western sunset views
- Bright open concept
- Pine flooring, gas fireplace, skylights and more

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- Newly renovated 3 bedroom
- 139 feet of southeast exposure
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- Borders 40 acres of Crown land
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FABULOUS COUNTRY HOME \$439,900



- 3+ bdrm, 2.5 bath, 3928 sq ft living space
- Close to beaches, riding, fine dining
- Sunroom, hardwood floors, games room
- Lower level walkout to gorgeous yard
- Many recent upgrades, year round comfort

EXECUTIVE RETREAT \$864,900



- 3+1 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2,500 square foot home
- 120 feet of frontage on a 5 lake chain
- Level lot with creek, 1.1 acres
- Attached double garage, 720 sq ft workshop
- Gazebo, stone fireplace, heated floors

RIVERFRONT ACERAGE \$139,900



- 3 bedroom home/cottage on Barry Line Road
- 4.54 acres with 1,867 feet of river frontage
- Built in 2007
- Call Chris for more details!

INCREDIBLE VALUE \$385,900



- 2,200 square foot, 6 bedroom, beautifully renovated home on a
- Large riverfront lot connecting 2 lakes
- Hardwood floors, stone fireplace, garage, boat house and a storage building
- Call me for a complete list of upgrades including decks, windows, insulation and more



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4 SEASON RETREAT \$439,900



- 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 1218 sq ft
- 231 feet of waterfront, 2.16 acres
- Master bedroom with walk-out to dock
- Pine floors, central air
- Large lakeside deck and dock areas

CUSTOM WATERFRONT HOME \$499,900



- Great swimming and boating
- Year round private escape
- 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths
- 3 walk-outs to covered deck
- AC, Jacuzzi, hardwood floors

HIGHWAY 35 \$17,900



- Building lot located right in Norland - close to all amenities and many trails and lakes

COUNTY ROAD 1 \$17,900



- Private, well treed, 2.8 acre vacant lot to build your home or get-away on.
- Storage shed on lot
- Year round municipal access



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SPRING FED LAKE \$169,900



- 2 bedroom, 1 bath, cozy cottage
- Lakeside decking and docking
- Open concept, sliding doors to deck
- Year round access, expansive view
- Close to town and all amenities

ABSOLUTE STUNNER \$275,000



- 2 bdrm, 2.5 bath, 2,200 sq ft of living space
- Almost 400 feet of river front, 2.85 acres
- W/O to dock, lower level screened porch
- 9 year new Royal Home, open concept
- Year round access, endless possibilities

MOORE LK ESTATES \$329,000



- 4 season well maintained 1,373 sq ft cottage/home
- Level lot with rippled sand wade-in shoreline
- 2+1 bedrooms and a full finished basement
- 3 lake chain in a very desirable area
- 2 hours to GTA and close to local amenities

CRANBERRY LAKE \$339,000



- 4 season, 3+1 bedroom, 2 bath home/cottage
- Tons of upgrades, maintenance free siding
- 470 feet of waterfront on tranquil Cranberry Lake
- 5 minutes to ski hill and golfing
- Great Muskie and Bass fishing



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PINE LOG HOME - \$474,900



- 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1978 sq ft living space
- 110 feet deep shoreline
- Sunset view over 2 lake chain
- Cathedral ceiling, full walkout basement
- Year round municipal access

IN TOWN HOME \$299,999



- 2 bdrm, 2 bath, 3,000 sq ft of living space
- Walk to town and all amenities
- Double attached garage, nice decking
- Lower level rec room with walkout
- Year round access on cul de sac

SPECTACULAR SAND BEACH \$599,900



- 3+ bedroom, 1,504 square foot home
- Level, treed lot with sand beach
- Landscaped, stone walkways, patio
- Lakeside deck with built-in hot tub
- Large cedar bunkie

PRIVATE SETTING \$239,999



- 3+1 bedroom, 2 bath, 2,700 square foot home
- 8.8 acres to enjoy trails and wildlife
- Detached garage, storage shed
- Master bedroom balcony, finished lower level
- Close to town, year round access



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